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MEDIOCRITY OVER

SPEAKING PERSONALLY
by LESLIE VERNON

LOOKING back on last season, it would appear that the "age of mediocrity" is over. There are hopeful signs that at last we are on the way out of the quagmire of stagnation. The dull, plodding "curthorses" are once again back in their rightful places, and the people with imagination, flair, creative genius will shortly be guiding football towards a better future.

This is a rather optimistic assessment, after all, the good were inextricably mixed up with the bad during the year, but there *were* certain happenings worth applauding. The most welcome development on the international scene is the sudden emergence of hitherto second-class soccer nations.

Japan, with Kamamoto starring for them, made an indelible impact on an otherwise pedestrian Olympic Games, Rumania drew at Wembley against the world champions, a Czechoslovak team grabbed the Cup Winners Cup, and the representatives of Holland got into the European Cup Final!

Clearly, world football is not dominated any longer by the chosen few, and this levelling out process cannot help but improve the overall picture. There was very little evidence of any new tactical development. The top coaches are still grappling with the problem of how to beat massed defences, and the reintroduction of orthodox wingers can hardly be called revolutionary.

In my opinion, it is in fact a retrograde step, teams simply cannot afford the luxury of a player whose sole duty is patrolling the touchline. The widespread use of the 4-2-2-2 formation is much more interesting—the dual spearhead (such as Bene, Dunai, or Hurst, Lee) keeps the defence occupied while second and third waves of attack are initiated from mid-field, using the entire width of the pitch.

This could easily become the pattern of the immediate future, and as demonstrated by England and Dozsa, provides entertaining football.

The major club tournaments were truly exciting, colourful and enjoyable. I admire AC Milan's brilliance. They were unlucky in the snow against Celtic, resolute and cunning in the return leg at Glasgow, and vastly superior to Manchester United in both matches, which were played in ideal conditions. Finally, they crushed Ajax with unexpected mastery, proving beyond the shadow of doubt that, at present, they are the finest club side in Europe.

The Cup Winners Cup series was much less inspiring. Nevertheless, Slovan Bratislava played really well in the Final and gave the revitalised Czech football something concrete to shout about.

The game on country level was mainly preoccupied with the World Cup qualifying competition, and the topsy-turvy results underline my opening premise, that there is very little between the contenders.

The elimination of Spain, Yugoslavia, and the almost certain demise of Portugal, are proof of that, although I find it difficult to raise a cheer for triumphant Belgium.

A Roman senator used to finish all his speeches with the words: "Carthage should be destroyed." He was considered a bore, but Carthage *was* eventually destroyed. I will follow his noble example and repeat once again: "International refereeing standards must be improved!"

The way these gentlemen, with the FIFA badges on their chests, officiate these days is absolutely disgraceful! The Belgians are guilty only because they took full advantage of this situation. The fact is that any team or player can get away with murder nowadays!

I could name countless numbers of important matches where the refereeing was not up to Hackney Marshes standards. These big-time arbitrators (with a few notable exceptions!) are not only incompetent, cowardly and weak, but they have a different set of rules for almost every occasion.

It was openly admitted recently that there are three methods of interpreting the rules: the British, the Continental and the South American! When teams of these various locations meet, the poor old ref is in a quandary: Was it a foul or not? he asks himself.

Well, they had better get together quickly, otherwise the Mexico World Cup will develop into a scandal. Please, Sir Stanley, please, Herr Kaser, get cracking for "asterisks" sake!

I am withholding my judgement over the South Americans, at least until after the England tour. The Mexicans' European excursion was an unmitigated disaster, but it would be dangerous to dismiss them on that evidence. Unfortunately, the South Americans, and especially the Brazilians, suffer from split personality. They would like to imitate the successful Europeans, but they are not suited temperamentally or physically to the requirements of power football.

At the same time, their own brand of the game does not seem to be effective any more—the days of wine and roses are over! I would advise them to stick to the old-fashioned attacking, ball-playing football—it's better to have loved and lost. . . .

On the domestic scene hooliganism has been constantly in the news. I have never referred to it in this column because I believe this idiocy off-stage has nothing to do with football. But the latest outrages at Manchester and Newcastle were so sickening that I feel obliged to comment on them.

It is curious that in a basically law-abiding country with a police force which is the best in the world, we cannot deal effectively with these savages. I would like to see them put behind bars for a lengthy period—something drastic must be done!

The championship went to Leeds as a matter of course. Record number of points, only two defeats! Hurrah, but I still would not cross the street to see them play, because they are a boring, workmanlike outfit.

Hats off to Manchester City, who won the Cup by playing enterprising, inventive football—if only Colin Bell could realise his full potential, here is a team to challenge the best in Europe!

The Home Championship was an unqualified triumph! This half-dead, meaningless series of pseudo-internationals was transformed into a national sporting event by the saturation television coverage. People who had never heard of the existence of this tournament were glued to their sets, and next time they might even buy a ticket to see a football match!

Oh, yes, I nearly forgot—International refereeing standards must be improved!

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FRONT COVER PICTURE

Manchester United captain Bobby Charlton and Gianni Rivera, skipper of AC Milan, exchange pennants before the start of their European Cup semi-final at Old Trafford. (Meeks)

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COMMENT

ONCE again it seems that the great American experiment has still not yet come up with an idea for the successful selling of the sport to the masses in that country.

One must admire the untiring efforts of the people who are trying to get soccer established as a major sport, who despite frequent disappointments are continually bouncing back with revised ideas.

After the season when there was a fully recognised league and a pirate operation vying for support, there came a term with one big set-up. Attendances were no better and really not much worse this way, but crowds of a few thousand will never give the game the publicity it requires to rival baseball, American football and ice hockey. This season the guest league has attracted as few fans.

by THE EDITOR

True the game is being seen by a vastly wider audience through the medium of television and undoubtedly there are more youngsters playing the game at junior level than ever before. But in many ways the situation in the United States over football is similar to cricket over here, where attendances are poor for county matches yet there is enormous coverage of the game on television and in the newspapers.

But it is a purely manufactured interest, with most people who rarely watch a game merely following it through what they read. Cricket may well have plenty of cricketers but it has insufficient spectators, and while this may be a fact with which cricket can live, the same does not apply to football, particularly in a country like the United States where inevitably everything is larger than it is elsewhere in the world.

However, people do watch football in large numbers in the States. Only recently in New York some 20,000 saw Barcelona meet Juventus, and not so long ago 40,000 turned up to see Santos and Inter-Milan, proving that there is a market for the game. Perhaps the Americans only want to see exhibition matches of this nature and without the inborn traditions of soccer will not bother to watch the bread and butter fare of league competition.

If this is true, the game will never be more than treated as a circus there.

BELFAST: England defenders Brian Labone (5) and Bobby Moore cope with an Irish offensive mounted by Derek Dougan (left) and George Best during the Home International Championship.

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MAY 3

PARIS: Bordeaux qualified for the final of the French Cup when they beat Sedan Grae in their semi-final match at Bordeaux.

MAY 4

MONTEVIDEO: Nacional have reached the final of the South American Club Championship. They made certain of this today by drawing 0-0 against rival Uruguay team Penarol. Nacional won the first match of the two-game semi-final 2-0 but then lost the second 0-1. There were 30 minutes extra time added to today's match, but after both sides had failed to score Nacional went through to the final on goal-average.

OPORTO: Portugal, who finished third in the 1966 World Cup finals, suffered another blow to their hopes of qualifying for Mexico when they were held to a 2-2 draw by Greece in a qualifying round match here today. Only two goals in the last eight minutes saved Portugal from another humiliating defeat to add to their shock 2-0 home reverse in an earlier game against Switzerland.

After a goalless first half Greece went into a 2-0 lead with goals by Poupinos (70 minutes) and Efetheakis (74). Eusebio netted for Portugal in the 82nd minute and Peres equalised in the 87th.

PARIS: Olympique Marseilles qualified to meet Bordeaux in the final of the French Cup when they beat Angers 2-1 in their semi-final match in Marseilles today.

ADDIS ABABA: Ethiopia drew 1-1 with the Sudan in a second round, first leg, African Group World Cup qualifying round match here today. The Sudan led 1-0 at half-time.

MAY 5

PORT OF SPAIN: An English amateur international football team will play two matches against Trinidad and Tobago later this year, the secretary of the local football association said here today. The matches have been tentatively arranged for July 23 and 27.

MAY 6

GLASGOW: The dangers of "live" television were fully exposed when under 8,000 people turned out on a wet, windy evening to witness the Scotland versus Northern Ireland encounter. An empty Hampden Park, devoid of any atmosphere, was not conducive to good football but again Ireland showed themselves to be a team of rich promise. The Scots were lucky to escape with a 1-1 draw, particularly after George Best had had a goal disallowed for hands in the second half. It was a highly debatable decision. Eric McMordie scored for the Irish before the break, diving to head home a Best shot that had rebounded from the crossbar. Colin Stein netted an equaliser for Scotland to give them three points in the Home International Championship.

COPENHAGEN: Mexico captain Gustavo Pena was sent off here tonight during Mexico's match against Denmark, which the Danes won 3-1. Fights broke out between the players and the match was held up for five minutes after Pena had been ordered off in the 58th minute. After an incident between Pena and Danish centre-forward Ole Madsen, Norwegian referee Harry Oeberg ordered the Mexican captain off the field. Pena at first refused to go and fighting broke out between players of the two teams.

It was a disappointing match for the Mexicans, who are still without a win after six of the seven games on their European tour. Centre-forward Fragoso gave them the lead in the first minute tonight but Danish goals by Leif Sorensen (sixth minute), Madsen (24th) and Jensen (80th) brought another defeat for Mexico.

MAY 7

WEMBLEY: England and Wales fought out one of the most entertaining and exciting internationals at Wembley for a long time—England winning 2-1 after an enthralling second-half rally. Ron Davies headed his third goal of the tournament in magnificent fashion to give Wales an early lead but England should have been level when Francis Lee hammered a penalty kick against the crossbar.

In the second period England fought with commendable enterprise and Bobby Charlton was decidedly unfortunate with two powerful shots that rocked the woodwork.

But he, and England, received their just reward when, after a neat passing movement with Lee, Charlton turned to hit a classic shot past the utterly beaten Gary Sprake. England continued to press and Charlton put Bell through with a splitting pass. Bell chipped across goal, Jeff Astle's header was blocked, but only to Lee, who hit the ball decisively into the roof of the net.

A crowd of 70,000 symbolised the superlative support that England are receiving these days—despite the match being televised "live" on both channels. Sir Alf Ramsey was naturally delighted with the performance of his charges.

ROTTERDAM: A last-minute goal by second-half substitute Roggeveen gave Holland a 1-0 victory over Poland in their World Cup qualifying round match here today. After a shot from defender Israel hit the crossbar, Holland forced their 18th corner of the match with only seconds remaining.

In a goalmouth scramble following the corner Roggeveen slammed in a short-range shot which gave Holland deserved victory.

BUENOS AIRES: Estudiantes qualified for the final of the South American Cup when they beat Catholic University 3-1 in the second leg of their semi-final here today.

OFFENBACH: Everton drew 0-0 with West German team Offenbach Kickers in a friendly watched by 4,000 spectators. Offenbach had more scoring chances but were foiled by a fine display from Andy Rankin, deputising in goal for Gordon West, on England duty.

MAY 8

NEW YORK: With the North American Soccer League (*for results and line-ups see Soccertistics*) just three games old, a pessimistic prediction made about it is coming true. The series will not be a financial success. At Kansas City's Municipal Stadium there were a mere 3,221 fans when Wolves

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were hosts to Dundee United, official attendance at the Atlanta Stadium for the Aston Villa-Kilmarnock game was 8,171, but this included hundreds of schoolchildren invited to take part in the pre-match ceremonies.

However, no efforts are spared to attract the crowds and inject atmosphere. Mini-skirted cheerleaders wave bright pompons and do graceful backflips, and chant "Go, Go, Go" and "Fight, team, fight". But cheerleaders are, by tradition, an exclusive feature of American football; the soccer fans merely watch them in silence, bewildered by the gymnastics, the pompons and the baton-twirling.

There are also running commentaries on the game. But the sight of a full-back stopping the ball with his hand, followed by the referee blowing his whistle, followed by the announcer proclaiming "Hand ball, foul against Villa", is more distracting than informative.

A timekeeper feeds journalists with sets of information on nearly every match incident—for example, who shot wide, who took a corner—and its timing is noted to the second.

OSLO: Mexico gained the first victory of their European tour when they beat Norway 2-0 here tonight. Mexican match-winner was centre-forward Javier Fragoso, who netted both goals in the tenth and 75th minutes.

THE HAGUE: Billy Wright, Neil Franklin and Johnny Haynes are included in a team of veteran British soccer players to meet their Dutch counterparts in a match at Assen on May 17. The British team will be: Jack Kelsey; Graham Leggat, Dave Sexton, Pat Seward, Graham Williams, Billy Wright, Neil Franklin, Eddie Firmani, Johnny Haynes, Tom Finney and Johnny Byrne.

MAY 10

NUREMBERG: An 88th-minute goal from centre-forward Gerd Müller earned West Germany a 1-0 World Cup victory over Austria in a qualifying round match here today. West Germany now have seven points from four games while Scotland have five points from three matches. The two countries meet in Germany on October 8 in a match that will almost certainly decide which team qualifies for Mexico.

Müller, who has now netted four goals in West Germany's four World Cup matches to date, scored from a pass by Georg Volkert, who substituted for outside-left Dieter Brenninger in the 68th minute.

IBADAN: Ghana lost 1-2 to Nigeria in the first leg of an African Zone World Cup qualifying round match here today. More than 20,000 fans, including some military governors, cheered enthusiastically as the defence of the Ghana eleven wilted in the second half after leading 1-0 at the interval.

MAY 11

VANCOUVER: West Bromwich Albion opened their North American tour with a 2-0 defeat of Vancouver All Stars. But both goals came from penalty kicks converted by Tony Brown.

DAR ES SALAAM: Cardiff City crashed to a shock 2-0 defeat here today at the hands of a scratch Tanzanian eleven. The home team scored in the 33rd minute when goalkeeper Fred Davies fumbled a cross by Choteka and inside-right Gilbert banged the ball home. Right-winger Haji Lesso added a second in the 55th minute. For a second match next week, Welsh internationals Barrie Jones, Steve Derrett and John Toshack will be included in the Cardiff team.

MAY 13

KHARTOUM: Sudan beat Ethiopia 3-1 in a World Cup qualifying round match here today. A crowd of 25,000 watched the game and saw Sudan take the lead through Gagareen after 20 minutes. Fifteen minutes after the interval Gadalla netted Sudan's second goal. Ethiopia scored five minutes later through outside-left Gitasho but Gagareen added a third ten minutes before the final whistle.

DAR ES SALAAM: Cardiff City lost the second match of their Tanzanian tour when beaten 1-0 by national league champions Young Africans here today. Manager Jimmy Scoular desperately tried to inject some punch into his attack by bringing internationals Barrie Jones and Steve Derrett on in the second half—only hours after a tiring flight from England. In the 38th minute Young Africans notched the only goal of the match when outside-left Abedi floated a perfect cross for inside-left Kitwana to tap home.

MAY 14

LAUSANNE: Rumania jumped from bottom to top place in Group One of the World Cup qualifying sections when they beat Switzerland 1-0 here tonight. The decisive goal came in the 32nd minute when Swiss full-back Michaud put the ball into his own net.

MAY 15

MONTEVIDEO: Estudiantes beat Nacional 1-0 in the first leg of their two-game final of the South American Cup here tonight. There was no score at half-time but half-back Raul Madero netted the winning goal from a free-kick in the 66th minute.

ZURICH: Manchester United won the Blue Stars junior soccer tournament for the tenth time since 1954 when they beat Etoile Carouge of Switzerland 2-1 in the final here tonight.

DAR ES SALAAM: Cardiff City gained the first victory of their tour when they beat the Tanzanian national team 1-0 here today. Barrie Jones scored from the penalty spot.

MANCHESTER: Despite a thundering goal from Bobby Charlton in the second half, Manchester United lost 2-1 on aggregate to Milan in the semi-final of the European Cup. A 1-0 victory wasn't enough to keep the holders in the competition.

MAY 16

BALTIMORE: Jimmy Greaves scored twice in an exhibition match here today to inspire Tottenham Hotspur to an exciting 4-3 victory over West Ham United. West

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COPENHAGEN: Mexico's Ernesto Cisneros (left) makes a dangerous attack on the Danish goal, dribbling past Torben Nielsen, H. Munk Jensen and Erik Sandvad. (UPI)

West Germany achieved a narrow victory over Austria in a World Cup qualifying match on their own soil. . . . Gerd Müller scored a minute from time to give his country a 2-1 win. Here the German goalkeeper saves from an Austrian attack. (UPI)

Ham opened the scoring through Billy Bonds only 53 seconds after the start of the match. Greaves equalised nine minutes before the end of the first half and shortly after the interval Roger Morgan put Spurs into a 2-1 lead. Midway through the half Greaves got his second goal. West Ham promptly hit back with a 20-yard shot from Bobby Moore but seven minutes from the final whistle Spurs scored again through Jimmy Pearce. Geoff Hurst got one back for West Ham in the final minute.

MAY 17

ASSENGEN: Former Fulham club-mates Johnny Haynes and Graham Leggat joined forces to spur a team of past British internationals to a 5-4 win over their Dutch counterparts here tonight. Leggat rapped home four goals and Haynes grabbed one to help the British team turn a 3-0 half-time deficit into victory.

DURBAN: Johnny Byrne, a former England international, signed a contract to play for Durban City soon after flying here from London today. Byrne, 29, who has been given a free transfer by Fulham, was expected to have a trial with the Durban club tomorrow. The contract is understood to be for two years and provides for accommodation for the player, his wife and children.

SYDNEY: Former England international Chris Crowe made his Australian soccer début today and helped his new club, Auburn, to their easiest win of the season. Auburn defeated bottom-of-the-table Yugal-Ryde 5-0 in a first division New South Wales Federation match in Sydney. Crowe quickly made his presence felt and set up two of Auburn's three second-half goals.

MAY 18

PALO ALTO (USA): Dick Kryswicki scored twice to guide West Bromwich Albion to a 2-1 victory over Dukla of Czechoslovakia here today. Kryswicki's first goal came in the eighth minute of the first half from a Bobby Hope pass. Dukla equalised in the 39th minute through Jiri Svoboda. Kryswicki got the matchwinner six minutes into the second half when he headed in a cross from Graham Williams.

DURBAN: Johnny Byrne scored in his first game for Durban City today. Despite his goal Durban were beaten 3-2 by Highlands Park. Byrne smashed home a loose ball following a corner.

THE HAGUE: European Cup finalists Ajax were in a confident goalscoring mood as they swept to a 3-0 win over AZ '67 in a Dutch first division match today.

AMSTERDAM: Ipswich Town won the International Youth tournament here today, beating Rot Weiss Essen of West Germany 5-1 in the final. Half-time: 1-1. Scorers: Ipswich—Dean 2, Wood 2, Talbot. Essen—Müller. Bohemians of Czechoslovakia beat Mechelen of Belgium 2-0 for third place.

FAMAGUSTA: Ipswich Town player Colin Harper, hit on the head by a bottle, was treated in hospital after the English club's "friendly" match against Anorthosis here today had been abandoned because of fighting among the players. Ipswich were leading 1-0 when players clashed in the second half and the match was abandoned. Harper's head was gashed by a bottle thrown from the crowd as the Ipswich team was leaving the pitch. The Anorthosis issued a statement denouncing "unsporting behaviour" by Ipswich, but relations were patched up when the clubs met at a reception tonight at the Anorthosis clubrooms.

EAST BERLIN: England got under way with a 6-0 win and Scotland, who also won, had a man sent off on the opening day of the 16-nation European Youth Championship. Birmingham City forward Bob Latchford crashed in four goals for England in their sweeping victory over Malta in Group B. The other scorers were Stuart Metcalfe (Blackburn Rovers) and Ian "Chico" Hamilton (Southend United).

Victor Davidson of Celtic was sent off in the 70th minute of a Group D match which Scotland won 1-0 against Poland with a first-half goal from Tommy Craig, Sheffield Wednesday's recent £100,000 signing.

Apart from England, only one team won by more than a one-goal margin. Yugoslavia, in Group D, defeated Austria 2-0. Czechoslovakia, the holders, playing in England's group, were defeated 1-0 by East Germany.

MAY 19

BLANTYRE: The West Ham youth team maintained their unbeaten record in their Central Africa tour with weekend victories over two Malawian sides. A second-half goal by outside-left Durell earned them a 1-0 win against a Malawi League Select XI on Saturday and they followed this up with a 4-1 victory over Malawi Schools on Sunday, with goals from Gill (2), Humphreys and Carr. Both matches were played in bright sunshine in the Kamuzu Stadium here before crowds of 5,000.

BASLE: The European Football Union (UEFA) are examining last Wednesday's incident during the Manchester United AC Milan European Cup match in which the Italian goalkeeper was apparently hit by a missile thrown from the crowd.

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AMSTERDAM: The Executive Committee of FIFA today accepted a proposal to hold the next FIFA congress on June 21, 1970, in Mexico City—two days after the World Cup Final. The chairmen of the various FIFA Standing Committees who met here during the weekend reported today to the Executive Committee, which confirmed the decisions and proposals made.

On the proposal of the Press Committee, the FIFA Executive will establish a public relations and press department at FIFA headquarters in Zurich, Switzerland. Mr. R. Courte, FIFA assistant secretary, was nominated as public relations and press officer. The agenda for the 1970 FIFA Congress will be drawn up by an emergency committee in Mexico City next January at the time when the groups for the World Cup finals will be made.

MAY 20

CHUR (Switzerland): Manchester United's junior team wound up their soccer tour of Switzerland by beating FC Chur 5-1 (4-1) here tonight.

EAST BERLIN: Captain Tommy Craig and goalscorer Asa Hartford were both sent off as Scotland beat Austria 2-1 in the UEFA Youth Tournament here today. Hartford, who gave Scotland a 36th-minute lead, was later sent off for insulting the referee. Austria equalised through Jara (51) but Jim Hamilton of Aberdeen netted the winner (67).

England beat Czechoslovakia with goals from Ian Hamilton (22), Bobby Latchford (38) and Tony Towers (72).

MALTA: Arsenal drew 0-0 with Hibernians here this afternoon. The tight defence of the Malta champions repeatedly foiled the Arsenal attack. Crowd: 15,000.

MOSCOW: Soviet international Anatoly Banishevsky has been barred from the game for two years following a drunken brawl in a Baku street, it was reported here today. The 24-year-old star forward, a member of the 1966 Soviet World Cup squad, was already under a conditional suspension for punching an opponent on the field at the start of the new season three weeks ago. The Tass News Agency said the Azerbaidjan Soccer Federation had also banned Viktor Semiglazov, Banishevsky's team-mate in the Baku Neftyannik side, who was involved in the street brawl. Both players have been expelled from Neftyannik and the Azerbaidjan Federation is asking the Soviet Soccer Federation to strip Banishevsky of his title of Master of Sport—International Class, Tass added.

MAY 21

NEWCASTLE: Play was held up for 17 minutes during the second leg of Newcastle United's Fairs Cup semi-final against Glasgow Rangers after irate Scottish fans had invaded the pitch. Players and officials took refuge in the dressing-rooms until moderate order was restored. Newcastle won 2-0 with goals from Jim Scott and Jack Sinclair.

ESSEN: West Germany today defeated Cyprus 12-0 in a World Cup qualifying match. Scorers: Müller 4, Overath 3, Haller 2, Lorenz, Held and Hoettges. It was the third highest win of the Germans' history, eclipsed only by a 16-0 victory over Russia in 1912 and a 13-0 win over Finland in 1940.

BASLE: Slovan Bratislava tonight became the first East European team to win a top European competition when they defeated Barcelona 3-2 in the final of the Cup Winners Cup. In a hard fought contest at St. Jakob's Stadium, Slovan's policy of forceful play combined with taking calculated risks paid off. Cvetler (2 mins.) opened the scoring, Zaldua equalised (16) before Slovan went ahead again with goals from Hrivnak (29) and Capkovic (42). In the second half Barcelona scored through Rexach (52).

Jose Maria Azorin, who was in charge of the Spanish party, said after the match: "They are great players, Slovan. They played well, with penetration and force."

MAY 22

GRANADA: Stoke City beat Granada 4-1 in a friendly match played here today. Stoke led 1-0 at half-time. Scorers: Herd, Allen, Conroy (2). Moli scored for Granada.

PALMA (Majorca): Liverpool held on to a 2-1 lead here tonight and watched helplessly as Spanish Civil Guards dragged their trainer, Bob Paisley, out of the stadium. The incident was only another shock for the Merseysiders. They had already been taken by surprise when Real Majorca substituted ten men for the second half of this friendly match. The game ended in a midnight shambles when the final whistle immediately put out all the lights and left the Press Association Cup unpresented on a balcony as the teams took showers. Ian Callaghan and Bobby Graham scored for Liverpool. No explanation was given for the treatment of Paisley. At no time did he go on to the field and he did not speak but merely waved at his players. He left in a coach with the Liverpool team.

DEVENTER: Holland beat England 2-1 (1-1) in an Under-23 international here tonight. Mulder and Klijnjan scored for Holland; Kidd for England. Attendance: 14,500.

VAEXJOE (Sweden): Sweden beat Finland 4-0 (1-0) in an international here tonight. Goalscorers: Johansson (2), Svensson and Kautonen (o.g.). Attendance: 15,648.

HELSINKI: Sweden beat Finland 2-0 in an Under-23 international at Kotka, Finland, tonight. After a goalless first half, Sweden scored through Staffan Tapper and Roland Sandberg. Attendance: 2,000.

LA PLATA: Estudiantes de la Plata clinched the 1969 South American Cup here today with a 2-0 victory over Nacional of Uruguay. The victory, both goals were scored in the first half, gave the Argentinians a 3-0 aggregate victory. Some 35,000 fans packed into the Estudiantes stadium and saw inside-left Flores (31) and centre-forward Conigliaro (37) net the two goals.

MAY 23

WARSAW: Polish international half-back Stefan Florenski has been suspended for two years for striking the referee in an argument about a disallowed goal in a first division match last Saturday, the Polish Football Association announced today.

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GLASGOW: An almost deserted Hampden Park during the Scotland versus Northern Ireland international. (A)

Peter Shilton, looking hurt on this occasion, was a happy man when he played for England against Mexico in Guadalajara. (A)

Three of his team-mates in the Gornik Zabrze team were suspended for six months for their part in the incident, but their punishments were suspended for one year. They are goalkeeper Hubert Kostka, left-back Stanislaw Oslizlo and forward Erwin Wilczek. An official said that these three—also Polish internationals—would be able to continue playing and their punishments would not take effect unless they committed other offences within the one year period.

The incident flared up nine minutes from the end of a match between Gornik and Katowice when Gornik, losing 1-2, got the ball into the net. The referee disallowed the goal. Press reports of the match stated that Gornik players swarmed round the referee trying to persuade him to change his mind. Scuffling grew so violent that referee Bogdad Hirsch ordered both teams to the dressing-rooms, with Gornik being declared the losers. The defeat cost Gornik their position as league leaders. The Polish Football Association Disciplinary Committee, which imposed the penalties, said that after Florenski struck the referee, Oslizlo and Wilczek pushed him. Kostka, who at first behaved in a sporting manner, made "viscous remarks" about the referee as the team left the field.

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BRIDGETOWN: Coventry City beat New South Wales, the Barbados first division champions, 5-0 today in the first of two matches. They led 4-0 at half-time. Scorers: Trevor Shepherd (2), Neil Martin (2) and Willie Carr.

NICOSIA: Ipswich Town completed their three-match tour of Cyprus with a 2-0 victory over their host club, Poel of Nicosia, here today. Bobby Hunt shot Ipswich into a 40th-minute lead and Colin Harper, a second-half substitute for Hunt, added number two in the final minute.

TURIN: Italy drew 0-0 with Bulgaria in a friendly international here today. The match was watched by a crowd of 50,000.

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SEOUL: The Middlesex Wanderers beat a National Select team of South Korea 3-1 in the first of two goodwill matches at the Seoul Stadium here today. The Wanderers led 2-0 at half-time.

LOS ANGELES: West Bromwich Albion scored two goals in three minutes in a dramatic late fight-back to draw 2-2 with the California Clippers here tonight. The Clippers held a 2-0 interval lead but WBA levelled the scores in the last few minutes of the game with goals from Danny Hegan and Tony Brown.

KUALA LUMPUR: A soccer match between an England FA eleven and Malaysia next month has been cancelled, Mr. Kwok Kin Keng, secretary of the Football Association of Malaysia, said today. The match was supposed to take place on June 14 in Kuala Lumpur's Merdeka Stadium, currently housing refugees from last week's racial disturbances.

MAY 25

BUDAPEST: Hungary beat Czechoslovakia 2-0 in a World Cup qualifying round match here tonight. The Hungarians led 1-0 at half-time. Scorers: Dunai (12) and Albert (90). Attendance: 90,000.

ISTANBUL: Galatasaray won the Turkish championship today by beating Sekerspor 2-1 and will represent Turkey in next season's European Cup.

GIBRALTAR: Leicester City, relegated from the first division and beaten in the FA Cup Final last season, defeated a Gibraltar soccer eleven 4-3 tonight. Drawing 1-1 at half-time, the English side scraped home with two goals from Rodney Fern and one each from Malcolm Manley and Paul Matthews.

OSTEND: England beat Belgium 1-0 (0-0) in an Under-23 international here today. Royle scored in the 68th minute. Attendance was 11,000.

SEOUL: Middlesex Wanderers won their second South Korean tour match here today with a goal in the last minute. Scotland's Malcolm Mackey scored the winning goal in the dying seconds of a match watched by a crowd of 30,000. "We were very lucky to win," said Leslie Taylor, club secretary and tour manager.

SALISBURY: Clyde kicked off their Rhodesian tour with a comfortable 3-1 victory over a national football league XI here today. Scorers: Jimmy Burns, Ian Stewart and Miller Hay.

LOS ANGELES: Vitoria Setubal of Portugal defeated West Bromwich Albion 1-0 today to win the Palo Alto international soccer tournament. West Bromwich finished second in the tournament which included Dukla Prague and host club California Clippers.

AUCKLAND: Stoke City forward George Eastham snapped up five goals as the touring English FA XI swamped the Northern League Amateurs 8-1 here today. Eastham, 33, dazzled the opposition and scored two goals in the first five minutes. Other scorers: Ken Knighton, David Payne and Keith Weller.

PORT LOUIS (Mauritius): Cardiff City drew 2-2 with Mauritius in the final match of their visit to the island.

RIO DE JANEIRO: Violent scenes marred a needle match between Rio football rivals Vasco da Gama and Fluminense in the Maracana Stadium here tonight and four players were sent off. The game ended in a goalless draw. Referee Arnaldo Cesar Coelho, whose handling of the game drew severe criticism in the press here, sent off Orlando of Vasco da Gama and Flavio of Fluminense in the 34th minute. After 67 minutes Eberval of Vasco and Olivera of Fluminense came to blows and were also sent off. Both were later treated in hospital . . . and also charged by police with mutual assault.

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BERNE: St. Gallen won the Swiss Cup Final today, defeating Bellinzona 2-0 (0-0).

DORNBIRN (Austria): Limerick and FC Dornbirn drew 1-1 in a friendly match here today.

THE HAGUE: Feijenoord clinched the Dutch first division championship today by beating FC Twente 1-0.

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MILAN: A former president of AC Milan went on trial in his absence here today in one of the biggest cases of fraudulent bankruptcy ever known in Italy. He is Felive Riva, Milanese textile millionaire who has taken refuge in the Lebanon.

HAMILTON (Bermuda): Southampton beat Bermuda 8-1 in a friendly here today.

SINOIA (Rhodesia): Clyde scored an easy 3-0 victory over a Lomagundi XI here tonight. Clyde scorers were: Dave Soutar (2) and Graham MacFarlane.

BRIDGETOWN: Coventry City won the second match of their tour against a Combined XI 7-1. Scorers: Martin 3, Noel Cantwell 2, Ernie Hunt, Trevor Shepherd.

ALGIERS: Over-enthusiastic soccer fans have been warned that the Government will take tough measures if they stage further violent incidents, either or on off the field of play. The warning followed an incident in which players and supporters of an Algiers club were ambushed and stoned on their way back from a match in Oran, Western Algeria.

President Houari Boumedienne, himself a soccer enthusiast, asked his Minister of Youth and Sports, M. Abdelkrim Ben Mahmoud, to investigate and report to him on the incident. Soccer, Algeria's national sport, can draw crowds of up to 35,000 for a top match.

The match that provoked the stoning incident was between two of Algeria's best teams—Mouloudia of Oran and Chahab Rihadi of Belcourt, a suburb of Algiers. They met in Oran in a semi-final of the Algerian Cup and the result was a 1-1 draw after extra time. Trouble flared as soon as the referee blew the final whistle. Some of the players resorted to boxing and the goalkeeper and centre-forward of the Belcourt team had to be taken to hospital.

Incidents of this kind are not unusual at soccer matches in Algeria but on this occasion things went much further. Driving back to Algiers, Belcourt's players and supporters had to run a gauntlet of showers of stones as they drove through the small town of Ighil-Izane, about 100 miles from Oran. The stones were showered from side streets over a stretch of about 300 yards. Vehicles were damaged and several passengers injured. All cars with Algiers numberplates passing through the town at about 8 p.m. that night got the same treatment, according to local press reports. Ironically the Belcourt team contains many members of the Algerian police.

The Minister of Sport has forecast drastic measures if unruly behaviour on the part of sports fans continues. He said offenders might be taken to court, the soccer clubs themselves might even be dissolved if it was proved their officials shared some responsibility for the incidents. A month ago, the centre-forward of the Kuba club, near Algiers, was sentenced to 15 days' imprisonment and suspended from playing for two years after assaulting a linesman. Earlier this year some players were suspended for life after attacking a referee.

An estimated 50,000 players are registered with the Algerian FA and two divisions of 12 teams each take part in the national championship.

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MEXICO CITY: The European Broadcasting Union (EBU) has accepted an offer by Telesistema Mexicano, Mexico's major television network, for European transmission rights and coverage of the World Cup in 1970, Telesistema vice-president Emilio Azcarraga said today. Azcarraga declined to give details of the offer, which ended a dispute over television transmission of the games from May 31 to June 21 next year. But he said that Britain's ITV and BBC had reached agreement "on how they are going to share the rights for transmission in the United Kingdom". Azcarraga last December acquired full world-wide rights for televising the World Cup games in Mexico and later sold the European portion to Mr. Robin Gill of World-Wide Sports, an affiliate of ITV. This produced a protest from the BBC and the EBU, who claimed they had been led to believe they were going to get the European rights. "The problem has now disappeared," Senor Azcarraga said today. He said he made his offer to EBU president G. B. Broeksz in Europe late last month. Broeksz accepted in a telegram on May 23.

COPENHAGEN: Denmark beat Eire 2-0 in a World Cup qualifying round match here today. O. Sorensen scored both goals (35 and 66) before a crowd of 26,700.

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MADRID: AC Milan, renowned for their defensive strategy, switched tactics and crushed Ajax Amsterdam 4-1 in a thrilling display of attacking football to win the European Cup here tonight. Inspired by left-winger Pierino Prati, who scored three goals, the talented Italians ripped the Ajax defence to shreds with their darting bursts. Prati scored both the goals which gave Milan a 2-0 half-time lead and completed the scoring with a cheeky header late in the game. Brazilian centre-forward Angelo Sormani netted Milan's other goal soon after Ajax hopes had briefly risen when full-back Velibor Vasovic netted from the penalty spot.

Milan's victory brought them Europe's most coveted trophy for the second time, adding to their 1963 Wembley triumph. They had the morale-booster of an early goal when a curving header by Prati left Ajax goalkeeper Gerrit Bals stranded in the seventh minute. Five minutes before half-time after Gianni Rivera had tricked the Ajax defence he added number two. The youthful Dutchmen had been comprehensively outplayed in the first half and little had been seen of their famed strikers, Johann Cruyff and Ingo Danielsson.

A 60th-minute penalty goal by Vasovic briefly raised Ajax's hopes of turning the tide but six minutes later Sormani netted Milan's third goal to snuff out any chance of a revival. Prati completed his hat-trick in the 74th minute to underline Milan's superiority. When the match ended, hundreds of Milan supporters among the 50,000 crowd ran on to the pitch and submerged their idols in a forest of black and red banners.

The dejected Ajax trainer, Rinus Michels, said: "It was a hard-fought match but they were better than us. That first quick goal weighed heavily on our players. Milan are a great team. Their backs are tough, their midfield play is well organised and their strikers are extremely dangerous. Our defenders certainly made mistakes but although Milan deserved to win I do not think the final score is a just reflection of our play."

CHRISTCHURCH: The touring English FA side gained a clear-cut win when they beat the Provincial Canterbury team 6-2 here tonight. Scorers: Rioch 2, Griffiths o.g., Hateley, Payne, Eastham.

LOURENÇO MARQUES: Alan Birchenall and Bobby Tambling scored the goals which gave Chelsea a 2-1 victory over a Mozambique XI here tonight.

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George Eastham, scorer of five goals in one match for an FA XI in New Zealand. (U)

DAVID MILLER ON REFLECTION

THIS year's Under-23 tour proved to be a somewhat fruitless exercise for not only were the results less than might have been expected, from a squad of players worth hundreds of thousands of pounds, but the way in which the team played was often less than wholly professional. There was a lack of application from some of the players which could not be excused on the grounds that they were tired at the end of a hard, demanding season. Quite simply some of them did not put their back into it with the result that the report of the manager, Ron Suart, to Sir Alf Ramsey cannot be of great value for the year ahead and preparation for the World Cup. Yet this, of course, is to some extent the purpose of playing Under-23 internationals—they provide information about players which is of value even where negative. One learns what they cannot do as well as what they can.

The record on the tour—defeat by Holland 2-1, victory over Belgium 1-0 and a draw with Portugal—was by no means a disgrace, yet those on the tour know that the defeat might well have been a draw, the victory a much larger one and the draw a victory. All this supposes an all-round increase in the contribution from each player, which was certainly possible for most. Nor was there any question of the players going on the spree in the evenings. Suart kept them on the end of a fairly short rope. It simply seemed that some of them did not sense the opportunity that was knocking at the door, for without doubt there are places to be filled in the senior squad at present not secure.

ELIMINATE

To be fair to the players, both Holland and Portugal were fairly stiff opposition. In the past few seasons Holland have become one of the top six soccer nations in Europe—even if Ajax did go down heavily to Milan in the European Cup Final—and it is evident from their Under-23 side that they have good young material coming up. There must be a fair chance that they will eliminate Bulgaria and Poland in their World Cup qualifying group to reach the finals for only the first time since the war.

In the game against Holland Shilton was by no means at his best, and could possibly be faulted with both the goals. He suffers from a slight over-confidence, not necessarily the same as big-headedness, which leads him to underestimate situations and to make errors which his skill could enable him to avoid. Springett played in the second match against Belgium and had almost nothing to do. It was no reflection on his performance that Shilton was recalled for the final game, a decision which became even more obvious in retrospect when he was called up the following day to replace Banks in the senior squad in Mexico because Banks's father had died. Against Portugal, Shilton was his usual self again, and but for some agile saves the game might have gone against England.

The performance of the full-backs was never more than competent. Smith was probably the pick, though against Holland he raised hoots of disapproval with some tackling which was vigorous to say the least. Again and again one finds British players in trouble abroad because of the limit to which they carry their challenge for the ball. The fact that they are in a minority does not seem to deter them. Doyle also raised disapproving eyes in every game. Some of his tackles were absurdly late. The other two full-backs, Pardoe and Hughes, were solid without being impressive. Pardoe was now and then beaten for pace, and Hughes revealed a limitation in his control which must surely always go against him on firm pitches.

In midfield Doyle, his physical excesses apart, was always intelligent in his use of the ball. He has a perceptive mind, sees the openings, and only a slight lack of speed off the mark prevents him from being potentially a full international. The side played a 4-2-4 formation throughout the tour and the other midfield position was shared between Coates and Nish. Besides Shilton, Coates was the only player to prove himself ready to step into the senior side, always versatile and elusive and possessing that flair for the sudden unexpected change of direction which makes for the truly valuable international.

GASHED

Against Belgium, Coates switched to the wing with Nish taking over in midfield. In the first half the speed of Coates and Sissons on the other flank threatened to tear the opposition apart but just before half-time Coates was cut down by Colasse, the Belgian left-half, with a tackle which gashed his knee so badly he had to return home the following day. Colasse, one of four Belgian players over 23, was worse than any English player in the wild, reckless tone of his tackling and only intervention by Ron Suart on the touchline in the second half—when Colasse sent Evans sprawling for the second time—prevented severe, and foolish, retaliation.

Nish was useful but pedestrian. I think it will be a season or two before we really see the best of him, when he has had the time to gain in maturity. It should be said, however, that the midfield men were never really given the necessary assistance by the wingers, who should have been falling back to make a 4-4-2 when the going was at its toughest. In this Sissons was not as guilty as Radford, who

EMLYN HUGHES. (W1)

though he headed the equalising goal against Portugal had a generally unhappy tour. Sissons is exasperatingly gifted—a winger capable of beating any full-back if he puts his mind to it, but so often he fails to finish.

Of the four central strikers Greenhoff was possibly the most promising until he was hurt against Belgium, going with the goalkeeper for a cross by Evans which gave Royle the only goal. Greenhoff, like Evans, was always busy, always putting pressure on the defence. Evans has prodigious energy, but lacks finesse which may just possibly come with experience. He, too, has to curb a tendency to provoke the opposition with wildly hopeless tackles. Kidd had a tour in which little went right for him and he seemed at times disinclined to make it go right. But he is very young yet and will learn with experience. Royle's height was the usual advantage, but he does not make the most of it. Like Sissons, he needs a spark under him. He made the goal for Kidd (1-1) against Holland, and cleverly created for himself the best chance against Portugal. But his full potential remains unexplored.

"D" for defeat . . .

by JOHN STONE

MAY days became very much "D" days in Scottish football. It was a month of defeat. Of delight. Of disgrace. Of despair. And finally of determinnation.

Defeat, and crushing defeat at that, came at Wembley, where England hammered a Scottish side which showed customary fight, but precious little else. That 4-1 thrashing was England's first victory over Scotland since Sir Alf Ramsey's men became World Champions back in 1966.

Only pleasing features of an otherwise humiliating Saturday night at Wembley were the international début of Eddie Gray of Leeds, a golden headed goal by Colin Stein—and the way every Scot at Wembley, from manager Bobby Brown down through the players to the 30,000 tartan-tammied fans accepted defeat gracefully.

Delight followed almost instantly, with the 8-0 Hampden Park slaughter of little Cyprus in a vital World Cup qualifying clash.

Here, the hangover of that Wembley drubbing, and Scotland's notorious record against the minnows of world soccer, left Scots everywhere fearing an inexplicable slip. With Colin Stein leading the scoring romp with a personal haul of four, it never looked like happening.

Disgrace soon followed. Rangers, paired with Newcastle United in the two-legged semi-final of the Fairs Cup, missed a penalty at Ibrox, went to Newcastle at 0-0, and watched their so-called supporters become Scottish savages, injuring hundreds and generally running riot through the city after their team had been well and truly walloped.

When policemen are seriously injured, innocent fans maimed, decent people terrorised and terrified, Scotland had to bow its sporting head in shame at the behaviour of sheer thugs in tartan clothing.

Despair came next. And it came all the way from Essen, West Germany, where Helmut Schon's team gave Cyprus, whom they had beaten in Cyprus only by a last-minute goal, an even bigger thrashing than the Scots had handed the men from the Med.

This time, the Cypriots were thrashed 12-0, with that so-useful centre-forward Gerd Muller of Bayern Munich helping himself to a personal four-goal "bag".

The message rang through loud and clear. Any assistance the Scots might have hoped for from other sources in their bid to find a World Cup place just wasn't going to materialise.

That German result introduced yet another "D". This time for decisive—which is just what Scotland's visit to West Germany on October 22 will now be.

Defeat will end for yet another four years any hopes we have of World Cup glory. A draw is the least we must achieve against a nation which has not yet failed to qualify for the final 16 in the Jules Rimet cup competition.

The final match for Scotland is against Austria in Vienna. And even if, by some Herculean effort, we master the masterful Germans on their own doorstep, Austria will give the Scots nothing in Vienna on November 5.

That might well have been a significant date, being, as it is, the one always associated with fireworks. All could be lost before then, however, unless a much better team understanding can be built by Bobby Brown.

Scotland's performances in the British championship, when they managed only three points from three highly uninspiring efforts, has cooled public fervour for their World Cup qualifying chances. Brown's task now seems more difficult than ever before, especially as it now seems certain that Celtic's brilliant wee winger, Jimmy Johnston, will never again wear his country's colours.

All of which brings me to the "D" for *determination*.

That is what the Rangers' board of directors showed in bringing back to Ibrox that former idol, Jim Baxter, sensationally freed by Nottingham Forest after only four years and £170,000, after leaving the great Glasgow club.

It is reported that Baxter, after failing at Sunderland and Forest, pocketed a £10,000 signing-on fee from his former club, for whom he is almost certain to make his first appearance against Tottenham at Ibrox on August 4.

Rangers, after finishing second once more to Celtic—with whom they are again paired in the League Cup section next season—and being crushed by Newcastle in the Fairs Cup, simply had to give their disgusted supporters a big new name.

Baxter's name is, of course, far from new to the Govan Road fans. He was their king. His abdication into English football is still resented by many of the Rangers' supporters.

Yet their resentment has never been directed at James Curran Baxter, one-time miner from Fife, who has made himself world-famous because of his talented left foot.

The Rangers' board of directors were never forgiven for releasing Baxter to Sunderland.

Even when he was receiving bad reviews in the south the "We are the people" brigade still blindly refused to accept the fact that these notices were almost certainly true.

To them Baxter could and would do no wrong.

He has a great deal to live up to next season. If Rangers fail in this, the most dramatic signing in their history, it will not be their fault. It can only be Baxter's.

He is moving back to a slower, less competitive standard of football to the one he has known in the last four years.

He is still not 30, and claims to have plenty of good footballing years left in him.

"I must admit it was a bit of a blow when Nottingham Forest gave me a free, but that will not affect my confidence any," said Baxter on the day he rejoined Rangers.

"I know the fans will expect a lot from me, and I will do my best to live up to their hopes.

"Now all I want to do is buckle down to my new career with Rangers. I don't intend to let them down."

Dedicated words. They could almost be dangerous words from a man who, during his time down south, has often been accused of being not nearly sufficiently dedicated.

Baxter has made the promise: "When Rangers start training in July, I will be working harder than anybody to get back to peak fitness."

Few star players, and Baxter certainly is that, have been offered such a wonderful comeback chance. Be determined, Jim. Be dedicated. All Scotland will delight if you do, for at your peak there is no other footballer in the country to match you for magical skills.

Scotland's newest cap, Eddie Gray from Leeds United, in action against Cyprus.

Cup Winners Cup report from

SLOVAN TRIUMPH

ERIC BATTY in Basle

THE prestige of the international club competitions remains as high as ever, but in terms of entertainment value the Slovan-CF Barcelona Cup Winners Cup Final was another let down. For the fans of the clubs directly involved the excitement and the prestige gained by winning is enough and for the clubs themselves success in one or other of the big competitions helps keep the bank manager happy. But in every other sense this match was another flop.

Quite a few supporters of Slovan Bratislava and CF Barcelona helped boost the crowd in Basle to 22,000 but without the television fees one wonders how much longer UEFA would think it worthwhile continuing with the series? Overall it is clear that the Recopa series has been a poor imitation of the Copa Europa, lacking inevitably the handful of really top-class sides who have built up the image of the the major competition. Of course it was Real Madrid who set the standard; matched briefly following their eclipse by Benfica until they and Bela Guttmann parted company and then allowed to decline. Since then the international scene has been dominated by what I can only describe as second-class teams and inevitably the once high standards in what should be a soccer showpiece have withered.

Slovan have never claimed to be a great side but they did a workmanlike job. The Spaniards, a superb combination not long ago when under the guidance of Helenio Herrera they almost matched the craft and elegance of Real Madrid, have declined beyond recognition. In keeping with the declining standards of the Spanish game CF Barcelona have "gone".

The brightest facet of the match for me was the handling of it all by the Dutch referee Van Ravens who is fast establishing a reputation as the best whistler in Europe. Making good decisions—and making them fast—Van Ravens carries the burden which most of his contemporaries find unbearable and he carries it with dignity and authority. Varying his facial expression according to the circumstances, Van Ravens laughs at those who appeal against his decisions or receive incidental knocks and with an aggressive glare convinces those who would argue with lesser men that it just isn't worth it. If only we had a few more like him!

The match itself began brightly with the Czechs snatching an early goal begun by left-half Hrdlicka. Moving swiftly into midfield to intercept a pass, Hrdlicka carried the ball into the Spanish half, played it away and ran on, looking for it back. Simple enough but rare in these days when wing-halves are ordered not to stray too far from home. Played into the Spanish goalmouth from the left-wing where Jan Capkovic had a good night against the inexperienced Franch, Cvetler got a toe to the ball to prod in the first goal.

Without Gallego, an excellent defensive player who has long been the prop of their defence, the Spaniards never really settled. His understudy, the experienced Olivella has been on the point of retirement for some time and he was never able to command the defence as Gallego does. With Franch also lacking at the back and finding himself in real difficulties against Jan Capkovic—who is a bit quick and a little bit good, the CFB squad never looked as if they thought they could win.

Slovan were little more than ordinary but displayed a determined belief in themselves that the Spaniards lacked and even after Zaldua had levelled the scores after 15 minutes this attitude never wavered. Keeping it tight at the back, and operating a consistently successful offside trap against all free kicks, they contained the Spaniards and repeatedly built up counter attacks.

Karol Jokl and left-winger Capkovic were the key men for Slovan and the Spaniards had no one to match them. How their supporters (and coach Artigas) must yearn for one of the Kubala, Suarez, Kocsis, Villaverde, Evaristo stars of the recent past.

Towards the end of the first-half the Czechs won the match with two quick goals. The first, a long shot from right-centre-back Hrivnak, was hit from a loose ball outside the box and through a crowd of players. Sadurni was probably unsighted, though if that were true he had only himself to blame. The second was a little unfortunate for Jan Capkovic seemed to have lost control of the ball as he rounded Franch but managed to recover and run on. Without any cover at the back—Olivella got nowhere near the Czech winger—it was left to Sadurni to come from goal and make a late challenge. In fact it was too late for as he advanced, Capkovic changed feet and curled a right-foot shot into the far corner.

ACCEPTED

From this moment on the Czechs were winners. They knew it and the Spaniards looked as if they accepted it. It hadn't been specially good but the match really ended here, three minutes before the break. The Spaniards' second goal was a gift from international 'keeper Vencel who, apart from this one grave error did everything he was called to do with confidence. Rexach hit a corner much too close to goal, and Vencel misjudging the flight of the ball first came forward and then attempted to go back. With no cover on the far post the ball dipped and went in off the post.

Even now the Spaniards never looked as if they believed they could get back in the game. A goal at this stage bringing the accounts to 3-2 usually spurs a revival but this time it seemed the goal gave CFB very little except to give the score an illusion of something like parity. For a few minutes after this mistake Vencel was visibly shaken. He went out to kick one long ball and completely missed, then dropped another ball hit straight at him from well out and had to scramble on his knees to dive on the ball.

EASIEST

Without ever looking good the Spaniards at this time had chances. Rife got in from the left and drawing Vencel to the near post gave Zaldua the easiest of chances two yards out. With his left foot Zaldua managed to hook the ball over the bar.

Perhaps the most exciting moment was still to come when Sadurni was drawn out to meet a long pass down the middle. Realising that the ball wouldn't reach him inside the box, Sadurni went right out, controlled the ball on his chest, dribbled past one challenger and then lost control. Thirty-five yards out from goal, Sadurni was helpless as the ball ran to Filo. A first time shot on target must have scored but Filo took one touch to make sure and that was all Sadurni needed to recover.

The Czechs were clearly delighted to take home the first major honour their country has won in the post-war game. It would be unkind and unfair to suggest they are unworthy but it is an indictment of the game as a whole that a team no more than good can earn a major trophy.

Müller retains prolific rate of goalscoring

WEST GERMANY took two more giant strides towards World Cup qualification when they defeated both Austria and Cyprus at home during the merry month of May. The stage is now set for their last test against Scotland at Hamburg on October 22, where even a draw could be enough—if the Scots drop at least a point from their visit to Vienna a fortnight later (writes ARTHUR ROTMIL).

WEST GERMANY

The first home game of the series attracted, as expected, a capacity crowd of nearly 70,000 in Nürnberg for the clash with Austria. Goalkeeper Wolter, still injured from that Glasgow encounter, plus the Italian-based Haller and Schnellinger were not available and so Maier returned in goal, Höttges reappeared at full-back while Dieter "Mucki" Brenninger (25) the Bayern outside-left made his national début in this line-up: Maier; Höttges, Patzke, Schulz, Vogts; Beckenbauer, Overath; Dörfel, Müller, Held (Heynckes—75 mins.) Brenninger (Volkert—67 mins.).

Disjointed

In a cracking first half the Germans might have scored three times, for Patzke and Brenninger hit the woodwork whilst Müller's shot was saved on the line by Hof, but after the interval the hosts lost their ascendancy and as the minutes ticked away grew progressively nervous and disjointed. The volatile crowd and millions of TV-viewers swore, groaned and lamented until two minutes from time when Volkert's free kick was nudged on by the fallen Heynckes to Müller, who lifted the ball over a defender's head and in the same movement leapt forward to head a brilliant goal straight from a circus act. The terraces erupted into a mass of waving flags while hundreds of bugles sounded a triumphal fanfare—1-0!

After the game Helmut Schön confessed: "I shall not be able to withstand this kind of suspense much longer." In three games this season goals came twice in the 92nd minute, and now after 88 minutes. All German goals in this World Cup series have been scored by Müller—except one in Vienna . . . an own goal!

At least this was the position until May 21, when the Germans hammered Cyprus by 12-0—their highest win for 29 years and the third best in their history. Previous top scores: 16-0 v. Russia in 1912 and 13-0 v. Finland in 1940. The Georg-Melches-Stadion in Essen was bursting at the seams with 40,000 enthusiastic fans who cheered an avalanche of goals from Müller (of course!) who slammed four (3rd, 44th, 49th and 85th minutes), Overath three (5th, 12th and 63rd minutes), Haller two (17th and 47th minutes) plus one each by Lorenz (39th), Held (42nd) and Höttges (51st). This triumph gave Germany a superior goal difference (17-1) to Scotland (16-2), though I doubt whether mathematics will decide the winners of this group.

In the semi-finals of the DFB-Cup, Schalke needed a replay to dispose of Kaiserslautern (1-1, 3-1) while Bayern beat Nürnberg 2-0 (both goals by Müller!) and having clinched the championship are now poised for a glorious double.

Siegfried Held of W. Germany. (Met)

Next Month

Report on England's tour of South America plus Dateline Diary and Soccertistics

Hopes slowly sink

AN unfortunate own goal by sweeper Bruno Michaud led to Switzerland's tragic 0-1 defeat at the hands of Rumania in their World Cup qualifying tie at Lausanne on May 14. It also cost them the leadership of Group One, which is now headed by their East European conquerors.

This disappointment was even harder to bear in view of a fighting performance by the Helvetians, whose second-half pressure deserved a better fate, and certainly a draw would have been a fairer reflection of the run of play. The visitors seemed unaffected psychologically by their 1-7 slump here two years ago, presenting a solid, well-organised defence and always threatening in breakaways. With two home games to come, they must now be favourites to win this group, for the Swiss will not cherish their journey to Athens. The Greeks would have to rise above themselves in qualify, whilst Portugal appear to have lost too much ground already.

Before a full house of 35,000 the Swiss lined up thus: Prosperi; Ramseier, Tachella, Michaud, Chapuisat; Signorelli (P. Stierli), Kuhn; Odermatt, Künzli, Quentin, Vuilleumier. In the 31st minute a centre by Tufan intended for the lurking Lucescu bounced off Michaud's knee into the net for Rumania's winner—an almost laughable scene, but one which may well put the Swiss out of the running. Tremendous application and storming attacks after the interval proved fruitless against massed

SWITZERLAND

opponents who knew how to counter quickly, and in the end defeated the hosts with their own weapons. This set-back brought a sharp reminder of this country's modest standing in world football, while the game which began on a note of eager anticipation of a triumph ended in an atmosphere of a burial ceremony. On page 40 of this issue the up-to-date results plus table can be found—here are the remaining fixtures in this group: October 12—Rumania v. Portugal; October 15—Greece v. Switzerland; November 2—Switzerland v. Portugal; November 16—Rumania v. Greece.

The 44th Swiss Cup final lacked its usual gala atmosphere this season, since two outsiders devoid of well-known names were in opposition. In a half-empty Wankdorf stadium in Berne, 24,000 saw St. Gallen celebrate 90 years of existence by defeating Bellinzona 2-0, in a game of modest quality, decided by two goals from German outside-right Rudi Nafziger, a former Bayern Munich star.

In the championship, Lausanne and Basle are now left to fight it out for the title, whilst at the "wrong end" the battle rages to avoid the dreaded drop with doomed Lucerne, whose place for next season has already been clinched by B League leaders Wettingen who will be making their début in the First Division.

ARTHUR ROTMIL

Looking at Soccer

ZONES ARE A FARCE

with BRIAN GLANVILLE

THE absolute farcicality of the World Cup qualifying draw grows clearer by the moment. At the time of writing, it is known that Portugal, Spain, Yugoslavia, Austria and probably Scotland will not be going to Mexico. It is quite possible that Haiti and Morocco will be there. At the risk of being repetitious, let me say that this is the silliest, falsest kind of democracy, that if a team is not good enough to get to Mexico, one does only a disservice to the game in allowing it to go, that to let it merely cheapens the World Cup and reduces the level of the competition.

I have said before and I say again that the simplest, fairest and most obvious method is to de-zone the competition entirely. Not only would it allow the Africans, Asians and lesser Americans to show they were worthy of a place in the sun, and the World Cup Finals; it would also put an end to the ridiculous imbalance between the European and South American sections. Time after time, Uruguay, Brazil and Argentina are kept neatly away from one another, giving each the probability (though, as we have sometimes seen, not the certainty) of qualification. Mexico, like the poor, are always with us; this time as host, in the past as the almost inevitable qualifiers in that weak American-Caribbean group which now seems likely to give us Haiti—or will it be San Salvador?

TALENTED

Every team manager, however gifted, must have luck, must rely on the emergence of a talented player who can rise to the occasion; and Sir Alf Ramsey has had that luck in the arrival of Francis Lee.

Lee is not, in the technical sense, a great footballer, though his technique is good, and his moving into position improves all the time. But he has given the England attack a dynamism and a versatility which it lacked even when it won the World Cup. The stocky, compact figure, restlessly probing and challenging, doing wonderfully old-fashioned things such as actually *beating* people, has lent the team new dynamism. Ramsey has been lucky, too, in the tactful withdrawal of Roger Hunt from international football. Remembering, no doubt, that "thou shalt not kill but need'st not strive officiously to keep alive", Sir Alf, with equal tact, does not appear to have tried too hard to persuade Hunt back into the fold.

Lee is also a much superior prospect, though infinitely less gifted a footballer, than Jimmy Greaves, who could scarcely be expected to give in Mexico and its torrid sunshine more than he gave in the previous two World Cups. Lee hasn't the deadly opportunism of Greaves, but he is forever in motion, forever worrying and buzzing at the opposing defence. He was the real victor of that difficult game in Belfast which England could so easily have lost. Where Hunt, if he did good, did it by such stealth that he *had* to be called a players' player, it is blessedly obvious just what Lee is doing.

OBSCURE

The battle of the parks continues; with valued help from the admirable Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, MP, a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize who has attended every major peace conference since Versailles, was an Olympic athlete in his time, and still does not feel it beneath his dignity to take up as obscure and unfashionable a cause as the cost of public football pitches.

He addressed a written question in the House to the so-called Minister of Sport, Mr. Denis Howell, who for a long time has been making sympathetic noises but getting nothing done about it; an indication, probably, less of any lack of goodwill on his part than on the basic impotence of his office. Predictably, Mr. Noel-Baker was given the traditional Parliamentary run around. His question was passed to Mr. Arthur Skeffington, at the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, who gave him the dusty answer that it was nothing to do with him; it belonged in the province of the various local authorities.

True; up to a point—but Mr. Noel-Baker, not a man to be given the bureaucratic bum's rush, if one may be so vulgar, replied that *all* such matters were within the competence of the Prices and Incomes Board—as they clearly are. Goodness knows where we shall go from there. The Greater London Council haven't touched their insanely high prices (rate doubled for pitch and dressing-room in many instances, from 16s. to 35s.) and Birmingham have gone up to £2. We shall simply have to go on pegging away at the faceless men.

Still, we unfashionable clubs have our consolations. Chelsea Casuals, for example, were actually approached, accompanied and refereed this year by

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AC Milan: back row left to right: Sormani, Maldera, Rosato, Schnellinger, Prati, Cudicini. Front row left to right: Malatrasi, Hamrin, Anquilletti, Lodetti, Rivera.

a very modish gossip columnist, Pendennis of *The Observer*, no one less. But gossip columnists, alas, seem tarred with the same brush whatever the paper they write for; as we had already had cause to note when we were once briefly dealt with by a past Atticus, on the *Sunday Times*.

This one (Mr. John Heilpern) was stout, fashionably scruffy, and wrote about us, three whole months after the match, in fashionably flip and disdainful prose; a lampoon, if you like, in the back. Hugh McIlvanney, our captain, his colleague on *The Observer*, the former Sports Writer of the Year, whose own dialogue is original and pungent to a degree, was credited with two remarks that he had certainly never made. A few weeks later, bewilderingly short of subjects, Pendennis returned to lampoon us again.

He has now, I understand, gone off to write the inevitable bad novel which all guilty gossip columnists—especially with the "quality" press—believe they owe themselves and the world. Leaving Chelsea Casuals to return to their own, very proper, obscurity.

On a recent visit to Italy, and in conversation with the presidents of Milan and Inter, I was impressed by what one might describe as the blowing of a breeze of change. It isn't a wind, yet.

Ivanoe Fraizzoli took over Inter from Angelo Moratti last summer, at just about the most difficult time a president could have inherited a team. For a decade, Moratti had been the very Croesus of his club, giving the players blank contracts to sign each new season, in the assurance that he would fill in the kind of sums they scarcely dare think of, themselves. Helenio Herrera went, too; the side was growing old together. Fraizzoli, a youthful-looking man with crew-cut grey hair, who has stopped giving interviews to the Italian press, said sadly that he'd hoped for some comprehension from the fans, an understanding that teams went through their times of decline. What an optimist . . . in Italy! He would like to see a new dispensation, whereby players instead of receiving stipulated payments each season are paid instead a percentage of the game. An excellent idea; one far too sound and sensible to prevail in the greedy chaos of Italian football.

Young Dr. Franco Carraro, the new president of Milan, whose club is generally agreed to be the best run in the Italian League, is one of those who firmly supports the recent decision not to allow foreign players into Italy at least till 1973. For this attitude, he gives several cogent reasons. First, he felt that Italian emissaries abroad looked like so many Arab traders. Second, he was strongly against so much money going completely out of the Italian game and out of the country. Third, he rightly felt that the way was often barred for young players to develop. In this connection, he instanced the case of Anquilletti, the young Milan back, who joined them a couple of seasons ago from Atalanta, then a good rather than an outstanding player, who has since matured into an exceptional defender.

Perhaps the most interesting and curious case is that of Fiat and the two Turin clubs, Torino and Juventus. Ironically, *Juve* are the most popular club in Italy, Torino the more popular club in Turin—and in various roundabout ways, Fiat, and the Agnelli family, try to keep both of them going. Juventus, as Carraro points out, take considerably less money through the turnstiles than Milan or Inter.

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ERIC BATTY, who in the past has aired controversial views on the England team, states

THIS IS BETTER

THE new style British championship has been a tremendous success in many ways and for the first time since Sir Alf Ramsey took over the England team begins to look good. Without Nobby Stiles and lacking both Jack Charlton and Norman Hunter in the final match against Scotland, England inevitably were less aggressive and more inclined than previously, to seek an intelligent solution to the few problems posed by the Scots.

I cannot help but wonder to what extent the Scottish team contributed to the new poise suddenly discovered by England. Certainly the Scots are a talented but individualistic combination and the distance by which they trail (as a team) behind England must be measured not in months but in light years. Jock Stein, the Celtic manager, certainly knows how out of date the Scottish game is in general. Of course the Scots still have a selection committee which would almost certainly ruin any side but while the rest of the world—including the Welsh and the Irish—are trying to play the modern game, Scotland sticks to the traditional *fitba'* of the '30s.

One of the queries bandied about during the international week revolved around Denis Law and frequently it was said that this would surely be his last chance. To put this question of Law, who was and still could be, a very useful player is to put the cart before the horse. How could Law or almost anyone else be expected to play with one-man teams like Charlie Cooke and Willie Henderson? I suspect that he would have found it just as difficult to play alongside Celtic's Jimmy Johnstone but in the recent championship this was never put to the test.

Charlie Cooke seems to me to sum up the dilemma that the Scots find themselves in. The game has changed enormously since the days when everyone fawned over ball artists. Cooke is undoubtedly one of the most talented players currently to be found anywhere. On the ball he rivals Yugoslavia's Dragoslav Sekularac as an entertainer yet while the game as a whole cries out for more entertainment and less of the ruthless pursuit of points, there seems to be no place for the artists like Cooke.

In any one-against-one situation Cooke would be almost impossible to dispossess but in these days of jockeying off and close covering the critical aspect of the game revolves around a player's ability to *give the ball early* and reposition himself quickly. This, of course, is diametrically opposed to the natural game of Charlie Cooke. If only he were more aware of colleagues running off the ball, if only he were more mobile himself ... if only the Scots were not handicapped by selectors.

Though the Scots would never knowingly do so, they certainly added lustre to the England performance but the really interesting question is to what extent?

The emergence of Francis Lee was an event of singular importance and he alone makes a considerable difference to the English attack. Roger Hunt did a lot of unselfish running in the 1966 team and is always prepared to accept the "stick" which many better players will shy away from, but unfortunately his other talents never matched his courage. Lee on the other hand does all the running and has all the courage that Hunt displayed, and a great deal more.

With Hurst going from left to right and Lee moving in the opposite direction the Scottish defence was repeatedly taken apart. And with Martin Peters and Bobby Charlton probing through the gaps left by Scottish defenders as they hustled after Hurst and Lee—and the ball being slotted in accurately for them—it was inevitable that England would look good.

The interesting question is why?

On the one hand both the Irish and the Welsh made England struggle for close and hard-earned victory without ever looking good. Many people thought the second-half performance against Wales an outstanding achievement by England. Though England improved on a poor first half while the Welshmen, some of whom play their football in lowly divisions and others are only reserves with their clubs, tired visibly. And if almost everyone I heard and read seemed to attribute that improvement to the sudden reappearance of Bobby Charlton's magic shooting, I saw it as a result of prompting from Francis Lee.

The Manchester City player is as impressive to me as Hurst and Peters were in the months before the 1966 World Cup but this will not necessarily guarantee him a permanent place in the Ramsey plan. Indeed, judged by past performance, my approval should ensure that he gets a few more games and is then put on the shelf—to be brought out again next year in Mexico when others, more favoured, have been found wanting in the games that count.

To be sure, England produced a greater fluency in the match with Scotland than had been seen all season in drab performances against Bulgaria and Rumania. Even the 5-0 drubbing of France could not have impressed anyone familiar with the recent form of France or indeed anyone who looked closely at their Wembley performance. If England did turn a new corner against the Scots then we can expect to see further signs of their new prowess in South America.

But it must be remembered that the inept Scotsmen came out and attacked whereas Wales and Northern Ireland made things far more difficult by keeping things very tight close to their own goal. This is far more consistent with the game being played elsewhere and while there are no signs of a new swing towards attacking football it must be expected that future England opponents will not be so gullible as the Scots.

But if England walked away with the British championship, humbling Scotland

The combined efforts of Scotland's Jim Herriott and Eddie McCreadie clear the danger from England's Alan Ball. (LPA)

who took second place, the most significant point of the entire series was provided by Wales in their match against England at Wembley. There in the space of a few seconds we were shown the old and the new, the good and the bad.

Bobby Charlton went away down the left flank for England and, turning in towards the Welsh goal, found his path blocked by a defender. Turning away, and screening the ball as he moved, he looked up to find Terry Cooper had moved out from left-back to offer him support around 20 yards away. Charlton laid the ball off and Cooper, timing his approach to the ball very well, controlled it with his inevitable left foot, looked into the middle and lobbed the ball into the goalmouth, where his club colleague, Gary Sprake, came out to collect the ball comfortably.

Play was then switched to the midfield where Barrie Jones broke clear for Wales. Peter Rodrigues moved up from right-back and as he drew level with Jones, but closer to the touch-line, the Cardiff winger played the ball into his path. Rodrigues's approach to the ball was perfect and first time he leaned back and scooped the ball into the middle.

In the goalmouth, each with an even chance of reaching the ball, were Jack Charlton and Hunter for England (with Charlton closer to the ball when Rodrigues played it) and slightly further from the line of flight—Ron Davies for Wales. I would not argue that Rodrigues intended to drop the ball just beyond the reach of Charlton but that was precisely what he did.

Charlton was caught too far forward and in his bid to reach the ball he had to move backwards, which inevitably made it difficult for him to get airborne. Behind Charlton were Hunter and Davies; Hunter, waiting for the ball to come to him, merely jumped up from a standing position, but Davies, coming into the space between the two Leeds players, was on the gallop. Moving to meet the ball, Davies got above Charlton and in front of Hunter to nod the ball down and leave West in the England goal quite helpless.

In these two situations the good was, of course, demonstrated by Wales. While Cooper took a touch of the ball before making his cross, Rodrigues hit the ball early—first time. And while Sprake was given a fraction of a second to assess the situation in his goalmouth and get a sight of the ball, Gordon West was denied that advantage. Finally, of course, Davies left Hunter quite flat-footed by moving to meet the ball and got his reward.

Of course, Hunt, Peters and Lee would have moved just as Davies did. For West Ham and Manchester City they have scored many spectacular goals simply because they go to meet the ball instead of waiting for it to come to them. But this knowledge should not be allowed to take anything away from the goal scored by Davies.

Assessing the chances of the four teams in their World Cup bid I would think that Wales have scarcely any chance of qualifying, having lost at home to Italy and away to East Germany. Northern Ireland appear to be in a good position, having gained easy points from Turkey, but I doubt their ability to overcome Russia even if they might force things to a play-off.

Scotland, I would think, have only one chance of reaching Mexico. This would be to immediately disband their selection committee and give Jock Stein an absolutely free hand—even if he wanted to field Celtic's entire reserve XI.

Otherwise, and of course what I suggest is quite impossible, the Germans will have only themselves to blame if they fail to book a place in Mexico.

And finally, England who, as holders, do not have to run the risk of elimination and with Mexico and Belgium are the only team sure of a place amongst the finalists. We still have to see how the altitude of Mexico City affects the stamina of the European players, but clearly the English are amongst the strongest and most determined of European teams. If these qualities count for anything in Mexico then they will not be easily overcome and with world football at international level still at a low ebb it is difficult to pick out a truly remarkable side.

But we are now beginning to see well-coached players appearing amongst the England squads in support of Hurst, Peters and Moore, who played last time. With Lee and Bell — I would give him an extended run in preference to Ball—this could give England half a side of players who are aware of the need for early passing and running in support of the man who is about to receive the ball—rather than waiting to see who does get it and moving too late.

The present England full-backs are if anything slightly inferior to the 1966 pair and I was never enamoured with George Cohen and Ray Wilson. But Gordon Banks in goal is still improving and though his deputies are a long way behind him there should be no problem here as long as injury does not prevent the Stoke City star from playing.

I would personally like to see Peters withdrawn to right-half and Bell paired in attack with his clubmate Lee. With Hurst up the middle and Charlton operating in his now customary role in midfield this leaves one real problem ... at centre-forward. At Wembley an ordinary player might do, perhaps someone with similar qualities to Roger Hunt, but for a world series anywhere abroad another player with the awareness of Hurst and his willingness to run unselfishly will be required.

But overall it must be emphasised that England have no copyright on the tight defence and quick counter-attack which is now in vogue almost everywhere. And we have still seen no evidence that against tightly packed defences England have the overall know-how to open the way to goal.

It depends very much on the team that is chosen for the job. If a majority of the players come from clubs like Manchester City who are trying—with less flair but trying just the same—to follow the pattern set by West Ham then it becomes conceivable.

Colin Bell, who Eric Batty would like to see given an extended run in the England team. (Green)

LATE NEWS

BRAZIL END RUN

ENGLAND returned home from South America after a tour that although satisfactory had a disappointing finale with a 2-1 defeat by Brazil in Rio de Janeiro.

England had previously drawn 0-0 with Mexico in the high altitude of Mexico City and an England XI had hammered a Mexico XI 4-0 in Guadalajara, where England will play their first round matches in the World Cup finals next year. Allan Clarke (2) and Jeff Astle (2) were the scorers.

In Montevideo a few days later England defeated Uruguay 2-1. Francis Lee scored in the first half and Geoff Hurst netted the second ten minutes from time. Cubilla had equalised for Uruguay.

In Brazil, England led the former World Cup holders at the interval with a goal from Colin Bell but Gordon Banks saved a penalty from Carlos Alberto. After the break Brazil steadily wore England down and scored through centre-forward Tostao and outside-right Jairzinho.

Real are champions but . . .

IT comes around the same each year: champions of Spain, Real Madrid. And instantly one thinks of the Real Madrid of bygone days—the legend that competes each year in the European Champions Cup, the team that is never allowed to compete on its own merit.

More than any other club team in the world, Real Madrid have to shoulder the awful responsibility of someone else's greatness—whether worthy of it, or not. Last season English fans had an opportunity to witness the present Real in the Champions Cup semi-final against Manchester United.

I can vouch for the fact that in a year very little has changed. Pedro De Felipe has returned to fitness after almost a year's lay-off to oust the bright-eyed Zunzunegui, and Calpe—thank goodness—has recovered his place at right-back from the ungainly and inexperienced Gonzalez Ruiz.

With these two exceptions nothing has changed. Pirri was injured for three months this year. But young Jose Luis, tall and elegant, a star of the future, deputised exceptionally. Until, that is, he lost his temper and was sent off. Ex-Sabadell inside-forward Vidal took his place, and was almost immediately carried off! Grosso dropped back to the number four shirt whilst Jose Luis served his suspension.

But Madrid are now probably at their lowest ebb since the early '50s. The team is sound. It is good enough for Spain. But not really good enough for Europe. The defeat by the Rapid Vienna part-timers made this very clear.

Real have an international-class goalkeeper in Betancort. But Sanchis and Zoco are probably past their best. Calpe is reliable. De Felipe very secure. Pirri is excellent. So is Grosso. Yet too often in midfield Velazquez flatters to deceive. Amancio up front is almost on his own. To head the Spanish goalscorers this season was nothing remarkable—he scored only 14 goals!

Gento continues. So does the faithful Manolin Bueno — in his tenth year as reserve. But still Madrid have a right-wing problem. Jose Luis wore the number seven shirt whilst Pirri was fit—but dropped back regularly in midfield to allow Pirri or Grosso or Velazquez to move up and catch the opposition defence by surprise.

Miguel Perez could make the right-wing berth his own. But though clever, he seems frail and injury-prone.

And if these are champions of Spain, you ask, what is the rest of the field like? Very disappointing. Real have achieved their recent three championship titles in successive seasons by default. CF Barcelona and Atletico Madrid are both split internally, and tend to take their battles on to the field. Only Las Palmas could this season hold a candle to Madrid.

That was why the final match of the season was so important to all concerned—Real away to Las Palmas. Real were already certain to be champions, Las Palmas assured of being runners-up. But the prestige at stake was enormous—rather like an English cup final.

Trainer of Las Palmas is Luis Molowny, once the darling of the crowd at Chamartin. He has built a very sound *team* at Las Palmas, based on the thrust of wingers Leon and Gilberto and the high work-rate of inside-forwards Guedes and German. Martin II, Tonono and Castellano form the backbone of a tight defence.

The Canarinos went into this match knowing that for every goal scored their bonus would be increased—but it's hardly likely that they needed an incentive to try and beat Madrid.

For Madrid it was nothing more than another league match. The players would have had an extra bonus to play for if Elche hadn't beaten them two weeks before—a bonus for being unbeaten in the league.

Yet on this occasion it was the team with the basic interest in victory just for victory's sake that triumphed.

Teams:

Union Deportivo Las Palmas: Oregui; Martin II, Tonono, Castellano, Jose Luis; Justo Gilberto, German, Niz; Leon, Jose Juan, Gilberto.

Real Madrid: Betancort; Calpe, De Felipe, Zoco, Sanchis; Zunzunegui, Grosso, Velazquez; Grande, Amancio, Gento.

On balance Las Palmas probably had more of the play, but it was Madrid who got the vital goal five minutes from time.

De Felipe came upfield, and found Amancio. The Madrid spearhead laid the ball off to Velazquez, and he in turn sliced open the Las Palmas defence for young Grande to slam the ball past Oregui.

Betancort in defence and Zunzunegui in midfield were Real's stars. Amancio got hardly a look-in against the hard-tackling Castellano. Las Palmas were unfortunate to lose the services of Niz just after the interval, having fractured a leg.

Yet Luis Molowny did not complain about defeat. "Maybe a draw would have been a bit more logical," he said calmly. "But Madrid were very good. They deserve to be champions. I usually agree with the final score. And you can't really say what would have happened if Niz had played the whole game—because he didn't!"

Miguel Munoz, having steered Real to another title, himself to another contract, was in equally expansive mood.

"Las Palmas ought to be congratulated for their fine success this year. Today, though they lost a player, it was a fine team that we defeated. It was a very good game."

So Madrid are happy. Once more the club enters the Champions Cup. But with every further season so the bubble comes nearer to bursting. When Real fall from their perch what will be left of Spanish football?

Will it degenerate as French football has done? The lack of success of the national team is a pointer to the real state of Spanish football—the face which is almost hidden by the still-successful mask of Real Madrid.

CLARAMUNT of Valencia. (A)

FINAL TABLE

	Home				Away			Goals		
	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Real Madrid ...	30	11	4	0	7	7	1	46	21	47
Las Palmas	30	11	3	1	4	5	6	45	34	38
CF Barcelona ...	30	9	4	2	4	6	5	40	18	36
Sabadell	30	8	6	1	2	6	7	33	34	32
Valencia	30	7	7	1	3	4	8	36	39	31
Atletico Madrid .	30	7	5	3	3	5	7	40	37	30
Real Sociedad ...	30	10	3	2	0	6	9	36	33	29
Granada	30	10	4	1	1	3	11	26	38	29
Elche	30	5	8	2	2	7	6	25	23	29
La Coruna	30	9	3	3	2	3	10	39	44	28
Atletico Bilbao .	30	8	3	4	2	5	8	42	46	28
Pontevedra	30	7	6	2	0	7	8	20	23	27
Zaragoza	30	6	6	3	2	4	9	36	36	26
Malaga	30	9	4	2	0	3	12	37	42	25
Espanol	30	8	5	2	0	3	12	29	36	24
Cordoba	30	4	7	4	1	4	10	31	57	21

N.B. Cordoba, Espanol and Malaga are relegated.

Leading scorers: Amancio (Real Madrid) and Garate (Atletico Madrid) 14; Fleitas (Malaga) 13; Ilori (Coruna) 12; Leon (Las Palmas), Urtiaga (Real Sociedad) and Zaldua (CF Barcelona) with 11; Bustillo (Zaragoza) 10.

CLUB BY CLUB

Real Madrid. Set a new Spanish League record by going 27 games without defeat. Suffered from injuries to some extent, although key men like Betancort and De Felipe in defence, Gento and Amancio in attack, played in nearly all league matches. Trainer: Miguel Munoz.

Appearances: Betancort 30; Calpe 25, De Felipe 30, Zoco 23, Sanchis 29, Miera 2, Zunzunegui 12, Babiloni 2; Pirri 17, Grosso 25, Jose Luis 21, Velazquez 30, Grande 5, Vidal 2; Amancio 29, Gento 26, Miguel Perez 12, Veloso 3, Manolin Bueno 7.

Scorers: Amancio 14, Gento 8, Velazquez 7, Jose Luis 6, Grosso and Pirri 3, Grande 2, Miguel Perez, Veloso and Zoco 1.

Review of the 1968/69 season in Spain . . . by KEIR RADNEDGE

Las Palmas. Confirmed the promise shown last year. Luis Molowny constructed a good attacking team unit. Most of the team came under consideration for the national team. Note the fact that only 14 players were used throughout the season. Trainer: Luis Molowny.

Appearances: Oregui 30; Aparicio 20, Castellano 24, Tonono 30, Martin II 27, Jose Luis 19; German 30, Guedes 22, Niz 19; Leon 24, Juan Gilberto 30, Jose Juan 23, Gilberto I 29, Lo 3.

Scorers: Leon 11, Gilberto I 8, Niz 7, Juan Gilberto 6, German 4, Castellano 3, Guedes, Jose Juan and Martin II 2.

CF Barcelona. Success in last year's cup competition and in this season's Cup Winners Cup was not continued in the league, though CFB on the whole enjoyed a fair season. The defensive unit of Sadurni, Torres, Gallego, Zabalza, and Eladio was probably the hardest to crack in the league. At the season's end, when injury had taken its toll, the forward line including Palau, Pellicer, Marti Filosia, Castro and Nieto was probably one of the youngest and most inexperienced in the club's long and proud history. Trainer: Salvador Artigas.

Appearances: Sadurni 30; Torres 29, Gallego 26, Zabalza 28, Eladio 28, Franch 11, Olivella 5; Pereda 21, Fuste 23, Fernandez 8, Pellicer 11, Juan Carlos 8; Rife 22, Zaldua 24, Juanito 12, Rexach 14, Mendoza 7, Palau 10, Marti Filosia 8, Nieto 3, Castro 2.

Scorers: Zaldua 11, Pereda 5, Fuste, Juanito and Palau 3, Gallego, Juan Carlos, Mendoza, Pellicer and Rexach 2, Franch, Marti Filosia, Nieto, Rife and Torres 1.

Sabadell. A surprise positioning for the third Catalan club. Some of their success was due to ex-CFB players Montesinos and Torrent and Pujol, but wise buying was the basic factor—Isidro (ex-Madrid) and Arnal (ex-Valencia) did a grand job in stabilising the defence. Trainer: Pasieguito.

Appearances: Martinez 30; Isidro 21, Pini 27, Torrent 19, Arnal 27, Diego 3, Romero 7, Maranon 20; Montesinos 30, Munoz 30, Frigols 2; Ortuno 16, Vidal 19, Garzon 25, Pujol 29, Zaballa 18, Seminario 10, Latorre 2.

Scorers: Garzon 9, Pujol 8, Ortuno 5, Montesinos 3, Maranon and Vidal 2, Catala (own goal), Seminario, Torrent and Zaballa 1.

Valencia. Valencia started the season poorly, and trainer Edmundo Suarez tried many permutations in an attempt to find the right combination. He was still searching when he lost his job. Joseito, the one-time Real Madrid forward, took over, and had more success in his various rearrangements of the team. Trainer: Edmundo Suarez (Mundo), later replaced by Joseito.

Appearances: Pesudo 20, Abelardo 12 (2 as sub.); Sol 20, Martinez 21, Paquito 26, Vidagany 27, Tatono 17, Panchulo 11, Anibal 7, Roberto 11, Mestre 7, Anton 9; Vilar 17, Poli 25; Claramunt 26, Ansola 24, Waldo 21, Blayet 17, Machicha 9, Huerta 5.

Scorers: Waldo 6, Ansola, Claramunt and Paquito 5, Poli 3, Barrachina (own goal), Blayet, Machicha, Martinez, Mestre, Niz (own goal), Pini (own goal), Roberto, Sol, Tatono, Vallejo (own goal), and Vilar 1.

Atletico Madrid. Atletico began the season with the old faithfuls, got nowhere with them, and threw them overboard in favour of youth. But it was rather more due to the fact that spearhead Garate ran into form in mid-season that Atletico finished in a comfortable mid-table position. Trainer: Miguel.

Appearances: Zubiarrain 23, Rodri 7; Colo 22, Jayo 25, Griffa 11, Paquito 12, Eusebio 23, Calleja 25; Melo 22, Irureta 27; Ufarte 20, Luis 17, Garate 20, Collar 25, Cardona 3, Adelardo 16, Barriocanal 3, Correa 1, Hernandez 9, Lamata 6, Leiros 1.

Scorers: Garate 14, Irureta 7, Adelardo and Luis 4, Collar and Ufarte 3, Calleja, Griffa, Hernandez, Lamata and Melo 1.

Real Sociedad. At one time Sociedad promised to finish higher than in fact they did. Elizondo built his team on a sound defence, with the ex-Valencia and Atletico Madrid forward Urtiaga to provide the fire power up front. Esnaola had an excellent and consistent season in goal. Trainer: Elizondo.

ABELARDO of Valencia. (A)

Appearances: Esnaola 30; Gorriti 23, Gaztelu 26, Martinez 28, Ormaechea 28, Sagasta 5, Iguaran 9, Santamaria 2; Lema 19, Arzac 24, Mendiluce 28; Urreisti 21, Urtiago 27, Silvestre 25, Arregui 11, Boronat 18, Soroa 3, Arambarri 2.

Scorers: Urtiaga 10, Arzac 6, Arregui and Silvestre 4, Gaztelu 3, Boronat, Lema and Mendiluce 2, Anibal (own goal) and Arambarri 1.

Granada. Granada had their troubles. With very little real talent at his disposal Marcel Domingo eventually put his faith into all-out defence to keep at least one point per game. Defenders Santos and Ferrando both figured frequently amongst the "forwards", where Noya and Vicente had little chance to shine. Trainer: Domingo.

Appearances: Nito 26, Manolin 4 (1 as sub.), Juan Luis 1; Lorenzo 26, Barrenechea 26, Ferrando 22, Barrachina 20, Tinas 21, Martos 24, Gomez 1, Carmelo 1; Santos 25, Ruiz Sosa 3, Flores 5, Ramoni 10, Gerardo 4; Noya 30, Urena 17, Vicente 27, Lara 8, Miralles 14, Porta 5, Ferreira 7, Barrios 6.

Scorers: Urena 6, Noya and Vicente 5, Miralles 4, Ferreira and Lara 2, Sadurni (own goal) 1.

Elche. Elche, under the guiding hand of Roque Maspoli, goalkeeper of the Uruguayan national team in the 1950 World Cup, and later trainer of world club champions Penarol, began the season well. However, when injuries began to upset the basic team structure the lack of adequate reserves was shown up, with the result that Elche slid down the table. At least they have the honour of being the only team to have beaten Real Madrid this season, with a single goal by young Curro. Trainer: Maspoli.

Appearances: Araquistain 18, Blas 10 (2 as sub.), Pazos 4; Ballester 30, Ramirez 17, Iborra 30, Gonzalez 20, Canos 9, Ciriaco 9; Lezcano 27, Llompart 30, Curro 10, Sigi 2; Serena 27, Vava 30, Asensi 26, Garcia 13, Casco 11, Emilio 9.

Scorers: Vava 8, Asensi 6, Garcia and Serena 3, Curro 2, Emilio, Munoz (own goal) and Sertucha (own goal) 1.

La Coruna. It took Coruna a good half the season to get going. They started badly with one-time Madrid junior Mendieta in poor form in goal. The introduction of Juanet set this matter to rights, but it wasn't until the only reliable striker, Beci, hit the goal trail that Coruna started to move up the table, which they then did with startling rapidity. Trainer: Martin.

Appearances: Juanet 21, Mendieta 8, Giraldez 2 (1 as sub.); Bellod 20, Luis 22, Dominguez 29, Cholo 17, Madir 12, Gaona 9, Lopez 1, Isidro 1; Manolete 20, Sertucha 27; Cortes 25, Loureda 26, Beci 27, Cervera 17, Juanito 9, Jose Luis 13, Martinez 14, Chapela 1, Morilla 1.

Scorers: Beci 12, Cortes 5, Cervera, Manolete and Sertucha 4, Loureda 3, Jose Luis 2, Ballester (own goal), Dominguez, Juanito, Martinez, Martos (own goal), Morilla 1.

Atletico Bilbao: For too long it seems Bilbao have been a back-number in Spanish soccer. Internal troubles didn't help matters this season. Pirru Gainza, famous left-winger of the '50s, began the season as trainer, but was replaced in mid-season by Iriondo. Iriondo, knowing that Ronnie Allen was waiting in the wings to take his place, did little more than the necessary to keep Bilbao afloat. With the reliable Iribar and also forward Uriarte losing their sharpness it seems Ronnie Allen will have more

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Real are champions but . . .

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troubles than just learning Spanish if Bilbao are to enter the championship race next season. Trainer: Gainza, replaced by Iriondo, due to be replaced in turn by Ronnie Allen (ex-Wolves).

Appearances: Iribar 25, Deusto 5; Saez 24, Echeberria 26, Aranguren 23, Larrauri 16, Zuguzaga 15, Zorriquieta 12, Raul 4; Igartua 20, Uriarte 23, Aguirre 9, Betzuen 7; Estefano 19, Argoita 26, Arieta II 19, Rojo 26, Lavin 5, Ormaza 5, Clemente 17, Ibanez 4.

Scorers: Estefano and Uriarte 7, Argoita 6, Clemente, Igartua and Rojo 4, Arieta II 2, Aguirre, Betancort (own goal), Ibanez, Lavin, Jayo (own goal), Martin II (own goal) and Saez 1.

Pontevedra. Hector Rial's young men started the season in fine fettle, and progressively got worse. In the end they were struggling to avoid relegation, though the serious injury to forward Martin Esparanza was a tough blow. Rial, who took over Pontevedra in the middle of the previous season, made quite an impression in the Pasaron stadium, which was always a hard stadium for visiting teams to play in. He may now move to Zaragoza.

Appearances: Cobo 30; Irulegui 21, Batalla 30, Calleja 20, Cholo 30; Norat 21, Martin Esparanza 18, Antonio 26, Fernandez 4, Cardenas 5, Barros 8, Nito 3; Fuertes 30, Roldan 29, Neme 21, Yosu 9, Suso 9, Odriozola 16, Ceresuela 1, Riveros 7.

Scorers: Roldan 5, Fuertes and Neme 4, Martin Esparanza 2, Barros, Montero (own goal), Norat, Odriozola and Riveros 1.

Zaragoza. This was one of the worst seasons Zaragoza have endured for many years. In an article just after the start of the season I wrote that little serious effort had been made to strengthen the team. I described how Roque Olsen was replaced as trainer by Cesar Rodriguez. Cesar just managed to keep Zaragoza's head above water, but it was mighty close. Marcellino seems a spent force, and the once formidable partnership of Villa and Lapetra was hardly seen. A powerful transfusion will be necessary if Zaragoza are not to sink without trace next season. Trainer: Cesar.

Appearances: Alarcia 15, Nieves 15 (1 as sub.), Yarza 1; Rico 23, Santamaria 15, Violeta 24, Reija 22, Diaz 2, Irusquieta 6, Borras 11; Pais 14, Santos 24, Gonzalez 30, Fontenla 10, Planas II 12; Marcellino 14, Bustillo 20, Martin 22, Villa 4, Tejedor 10, Lapetra 6, Planas I 9, Oliveros 5, Hidalgo 5, Moya 7.

Scorers: Bustillo 10, Santos 5, Martin 4, Planas II 3, Hidalgo, Marcellino and Tejedor 2, Borras, Dominguez (own goal), Moya, Oliveros, Pais, Planas I, Villa and Violeta 1.

Malaga. The 16-strong Spanish League was really to blame for Malaga's fall from near-top to near-bottom. In a league with more teams Malaga's start would probably have been good enough to keep them from the danger zone for longer. Squabbles between the players and coach Otto Bumbel and Bumbel and the directors didn't help matters, and in the end Bumbel quit and Jose Maria Zarraga, the general manager, had to take over as team manager as well. He couldn't prevent the slide towards the danger zone. Ironically it was not the defence which underwent the greatest number of changes, but the forwards! Trainer: Bumbel, then Zarraga.

Appearances: Goicoechea 16, Americo 7, Catala 7; Montero 27, Arias 27, Benitez 18, Monreal 16, Vallejo 20; Martinez 28, Migueli 25, Jorge 9, Chuzo 5; Otinano 19, Cabral 16, Fleitas 28, Aragon 14, Paquito 1, Conejo 13, Wanderley 12, Valenzuela 4, Cabrera 1, Pons 7.

Scorers: Fleitas 13, Cabral 7, Wanderley 4, Otinano 3, Aragon, Jorge and Migueli 2, Conejo, Iborra (own goal), Martinez and Montero 1.

Espanol Barcelona. The fall from grace of Espanol is one of the saddest stories in soccer. Espanol are a club with a long history, a great tradition, and for the past year or two had been not far from the top of the table. Last summer Glaria and Lico were purchased at great expense in what was expected to be Espanol's big attempt on winning the championship. Instead their fate is relegation, and even the future of the club is now in grave doubt. Trainer: Kalmar, then Argiles.

Appearances: Coll 24, Romero 6; Granero 18, Mignorance 18, Glaria 30, Ochoa 15, Osorio 10, Riera 13, Bergara 8; Lico 25, Marcial 15, Martinez 19, Jose 9; Vall 19, Re 28, Jose Maria 26, Pares 10, Rodrilla 14, Amas 14, Carbonell 3, Rodri 6.

Scorers: Amas, Re and Rodrilla 5, Bergara (all penalties) and Jose Maria 4, Vall 2, Lico, Marcial, Martinez and Rodri 1.

Cordoba. Poor Cordoba were right out of their class. That Zaragoza, lowly as they were, should beat Cordoba 6-0 just before the end of the season indicates the vast gap between the first and second divisions in Spanish football. Cordoba's promotion had meant nothing because this was still a second division team, way out of its class amongst the established (more or less) first division teams. Trainer: Argila (then Kubala).

Appearances: Garcia 27, Ruiz 6 (4 as sub.), Ortiz 1; Simonet 19, Toledo 20, Torres 14, Ponce 19, Navarro 4, Lopez 14, Rodri 14, Carreno 1, Munoz 2, Lopez Prieto 8; Juanin 17, Jaen 25, Crispi 4, Jara 14, Alfonso 21, Paredes 7, Escalante 5; Arana 15, Costa 19, Rojas 22, Alvarez 6, Ravelo 5, Riera 12, Diego 13.

Scorers: Rojas 7, Arana, Costa and Jara 4, Jaen 3, Juanin and Navarro 2, Diego, Martin II (own goal) and Riera 1.

LEAGUE POSITIONS FROM WEEK TO WEEK

Real Madrid	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Las Palmas	7	3	4	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
CF Barcelona	8	4	5	3	6	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Sabadell	1	1	7	4	8	6	5	4	5	6	5	7	7	8	7	7	7	5	7	7	6	9	6	7	6	5	4	4	4	4
Valencia	14	9	11	9	11	10	9	9	9	9	9	8	8	6	5	5	5	7	6	5	5	7	5	6	4	4	5	7	5	5
Atletico Madrid	10	14	14	12	13	13	12	14	16	11	10	9	9	9	9	8	11	9	11	9	10	4	7	4	7	7	7	5	8	6
Real Sociedad	8	10	8	7	6	5	6	5	4	4	4	6	6	7	6	6	6	4	4	4	4	5	9	9	9	8	8	8	6	7
Granada	14	15	15	15	15	16	16	13	11	10	11	14	13	11	13	14	12	13	12	12	12	12	15	12	12	12	10	10	10	8
Elche	4	7	2	5	5	7	8	6	7	5	6	4	4	4	4	4	4	6	5	8	9	10	8	10	10	10	12	11	11	9
La Coruna	11	12	16	11	16	16	12	11	11	14	15	11	12	13	12	10	13	11	9	10	6	8	10	8	5	6	6	6	7	10
Atletico Bilbao	1	6	9	10	14	15	15	12	10	12	12	13	11	12	11	9	9	8	8	6	11	6	4	5	8	9	9	9	9	11
Pontevedra	1	4	5	8	4	4	4	7	8	7	8	10	10	10	10	12	8	10	14	14	14	14	13	11	11	11	11	12	12	12
Zaragoza	14	16	12	14	9	11	10	10	15	16	15	16	16	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	14	15	15	13	14	13	13	13
Malaga	5	8	3	6	2	8	6	8	7	5	5	5	8	11	10	12	10	11	8	11	11	13	13	13	13	15	13	15	15	14
Espanol	11	13	10	13	10	9	14	16	13	13	13	12	14	14	14	13	14	14	13	13	13	13	12	14	14	14	15	14	14	15
Cordoba	13	11	13	12	14	15	15	12	14	16	15	15	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16

HUNGARIAN NEWS from LESLIE VERNON

CZECH BOGEY LAID AT LAST

SUCCESS at last! After 14 years of frustration and disappointments, Hungary beat Czechoslovakia! The bogey was well and truly destroyed on May 25 in the overcrowded Nepstadium in Budapest, when in a vital World Cup qualifying tie, the home team triumphed 2-0. This game had more pre-publicity than a moon flight, and its importance was magnified out of all proportion. After all, this was only Hungary's first World Cup match in Group II, and the trips to Dublin and Copenhagen, not to mention the dreaded excursion to Prague, still have to be planned for. Nevertheless, a good start *is* very significant, and as it was achieved against the favourites, it might give the required encouragement for the rest of the group matches.

The Czechs came to Budapest not only with their often quoted 14-year-old unbeaten record versus the Magyars (including a 1-0 quarter-final win, Chile 1962) but also with a series of more recently acquired credentials. Only four days before the international, Slovan Bratislava captured the Cup-Winners' Cup; Spartak Trnava have done extremely well in the Champions' Cup, and the national team have already collected six points in their quest for a berth in Mexico.

No wonder Czech team manager, Josef Marko, who celebrated his 45th birthday on the day of the encounter, got off the plane full of confidence, and within ten minutes of his arrival, forecast a Czech victory (no less!) during an impromptu press conference hastily arranged in the VIP lounge.

While Marko had no pre-match worries, his Hungarian counterpart, Karoly Soos, had to grapple with a last minute shock. Original selection, the Ferencvaros half-back, Juhasz, was declared ineligible by FIFA on account of his suspension following his sending-off in that infamous Olympic Games Final. Hungary have played two matches in Porto Alegro (without Juhasz) since then, and Soos assumed that those matches against club sides would be regarded as full internationals.

But the FIFA moguls thought otherwise (rightly, I think), and the Hungarian team had to be reshuffled. Soos was almost forced to pick four new caps for the match, because several of the old guard are badly off-form. Nosko came in as one of the centre-backs, A. Dunai (at last!) as a striker, and two "old-fashioned" wingers, Szoke and Zambo.

In the League, Ferencvaros are paying the penalty for their policy of not too much aggression against weaker opposition. Last season, they handled these provincial teams very gently in the Nepstadium, expecting a friendly reception in the return matches. This deplorable casualness has now become their second nature, and they are unable to sustain their efforts for more than 20-30 minutes.

Consequently, silly points were dropped, and the entertainment value of their matches was below par. However, they did play brilliantly against the revitalised MTK for 45 minutes, and turned round leading 4-1!

The usual second-half slump allowed the blue and whites to creep up to 4-3 with two Szuromi goals, and the match was a fine exhibition of attacking football, worthy of the traditions of these derby games between the two oldest teams of the country.

Ujpesti Dozsa have been busy in the Fairs Cup and in the League, as well as supplying players for the national eleven. Two inexplicable defeats (Pecs, Tatabanya) put them back into second place, but a great display against Ferencvaros redressed the balance.

Once again, A. Dunai opened the scoring (35 minutes) and Bene got one in the last minute to make it an impressive looking 2-0!

Top Scorers

Albert (Ferencvaros) 11; Kozma (Honved) 10; Puskas (Vasas) 10; Farkas (Vasas) 9; Bene (Ujpesti Dozsa) 8; Korsos (Raba) 8; Nemeth (Ferencvaros) 8.

I WOULD like to point out two errors of fact as reported in your June issue. In Eric Batty's article on page 29 it was stated in the second paragraph "England were hammered 4-0". Now, England have played Peru twice in Lima, losing 4-1 on May 17, 1959 and winning 4-0 on May 20, 1962.

In Round the World Stories it is stated that only in 1950 did Switzerland fail to qualify for the final stages of the World Cup. In actual fact in the World Cup finals of 1950, Switzerland drew with Brazil, favourites to win the title.

Don't you think that in all the discussions on eliminating goal average, what is all but non-existent is any mention of taking into account the results of matches between the teams concerned?

J. T. BARRACLOUGH,
Newark, Notts.

DISGRACE

I FELT that I had to write to WORLD SOCCER after witnessing the disgusting scenes at St. James's Park, Newcastle, during the Newcastle United v. Rangers, Fairs Cities Cup semi-final.

I have always been a patriotic Scot, yet for the first time in my life that Wednesday night, I was ashamed of my nationality. Watching the "game" on television, my feelings, after the initial ones of disgust and contempt, were sympathy: firstly for the people and police of Newcastle, who must have gone through hell that night before, during and after the match, and secondly for the Rangers club who have surely never, in their long and proud history been so embarrassed.

After the Wembley massacre, Scotland looked to Rangers to recover some of her tottering prestige. It was not to be. These "people" who travelled to Newcastle bent on trouble from the outset, dragged the once-proud name of Rangers, and of Scotland into the mud that night.

I do not for one moment think that any of the hooligans who were involved in the Newcastle disgrace will read this, but I hope that you will print it to let the soccer fans of the world know how every decent Scottish football fan feels about this episode. I am not proud to have written this letter; on the contrary I am ashamed to have to put pen to paper. But I had to let your readers know that not all Scottish football followers are like the mob who have besmirched our proud name.

DOUGLAS DONNELLY,
Rutherglen, Glasgow.

COLOURS

AS a great enthusiast of WORLD SOCCER magazine I would like to see more coverage given to the club colours of league sides not only in Europe but South America as well.

Many readers like myself who collect this type of information would benefit greatly. I know that this may prove rather difficult but if it were included in the various countries' reports it would indeed be of tremendous value, and also strengthen the claims of WORLD SOCCER as being the best soccer magazine of all time.

J. STEVENSON,
Eastwood, Nottingham.

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OUTSTANDING

FIRST of all may I congratulate you on the outstanding soccer magazine.

I have been a reader of WORLD SOCCER from the first issue. I am only sorry I have to wait a month to receive my next copy.

A couple of selfish suggestions would be more coverage of South American football facts, pictures, etc., and big lavish pictorial supplements perhaps published quarterly with plenty of colour covering the game abroad past and present. I am sure it would be welcomed by the true enthusiast irrespective of price.

As your great magazine has stimulated my interest in the game abroad to a great extent and I consider you to be the experts in this type of thing, I would like to ask if it is possible for you to give me any details of a good quality, well illustrated Italian football magazine I could get on subscription in this country?

So as not to inconvenience you too much I enclose a s.a.e. and any information you could send me would be welcomed.

KENNETH ROBINSON,
Bolton, Lancs.

IL CALCIO can be ordered through a large newsagents, such as W. H. Smith.—EDITOR.

Angelo Anquilletti of AC Milan appeals to the Manchester United crowd after his goalkeeper, Cudicini, had been hit by a flying missile. (UPI)

Searching the Soccer Scene

with

ARTHUR ROTMIL

THE cameramen of BBC Television performed a splendid task in bringing the recent Manchester United v. AC Milan confrontation into the homes of millions of soccer fans in 17 European countries. Most interesting, but also highly revealing were the close-ups of players immediately after the referee's decisions.

On the evidence of this match, the supposedly excitable Italians appeared far more composed than the allegedly phlegmatic Britons. Rarely did Milan's men show such visible dissent as displayed by the petulant and theatrical gestures of several United stars, especially Stiles who has often been defended by the British press and public, but who clearly has only himself to blame for being the target of jeers when playing abroad. On deeper reflection, it can hardly be a coincidence that out of 24 players sent off (as I write), in the three major European competitions this season, nine were British.

Having watched soccer at many levels, in most European countries, I cannot remember being quite so embarrassed as when Milan's giant goalkeeper Cudicini was felled under a hail of missiles hurled from the terraces. The French TV commentator simply remarked: "They can see little hope of United pulling back the two goals —hence their fury." A few years ago one might have expected a comment on British fair play, but apparently this once traditional quality is no longer a valid argument on our soccer fields. Europeans now accept the tragic fact that we have the worst type of hooligans, sadly confirmed barely a week later by those disgraceful scenes at the Newcastle v. Glasgow Rangers Fairs Cup semi-final when 89 people were hurt and 30 arrested. The Italians are probably the closest contenders when it comes to running amok inside a soccer ground—though fortunately they have not yet taken up the smashing of railway carriages, or shop windows or beating up programme vendors.

I also pretended not to hear an Italian colleague's ironical reminder that AS Roma were banned for two years from the Fairs Cup because their fans threw stones at the Chelsea players' but *outside* the ground. Others observed cynically that the English writers described the first leg at Milan as being staged in a Roman circus in a lions' den. Perhaps it was the proverbial pot calling the kettle black—nonetheless, when it comes to discipline *on* the field of play, some of our professionals have a lot to learn from such teams as AC Milan!

REAL RECORD

IT has now almost become a tradition: When the national championships approach the decisive stage in the springtime, Real Madrid belong to the first swallows which announce the arrival of footballing summer. This time the royal club clinched the league title five rounds before the close. Thus Real Madrid booked their entry into the 1969-70 European Cup of the Champions for the 15th time in succession. A proud series and yet the Madrilenos are not quite satisfied for the team missed another record—that of remaining unbeaten throughout a complete league season!

The first 27, out of a total of 30 matches, Real survived without losing—eight more than the previous best also established by Real of 19 games without defeat since the start of the season. Just when no one reckoned that the men around Amancio and Gento could be beaten, they slumped in the third but last match through an own goal from their sweeper Pedro De Felipe! FC Elche, a side devoid of stars, in a safe mid-table position, thus succeeded by 1-0, whilst Real's players must put their bonus of £550, which they would have collected for an unbeaten league series, temporarily on a "waiting list"—perhaps for another year.

Nevertheless, the figure of 27 games before losing inspires undiluted admiration. It adds another chapter of glory to the success story of Real Madrid and further evidence of the superiority of the white kings in Spanish football during the last decades. Here are several Real-records which have no parallel in other countries:

1. Twelve league titles within 16 years. This series runs since 1954 and was only interrupted in 1956 by Atletico Bilbao; 1959 and 1960 by Barcelona and in 1966 by Atletico Madrid.

2. The highest total of points: 52 out of a possible 60, in 1960-61 and 1962-63.

3. Five championship wins in succession, from 1960-61 till 1964-65.

4. A record total of 14 titles in the Spanish League, created only in 1929. (Barcelona follows with eight championship victories.) The full proud record of all Real's league games now reads:

P	W	D	L	F	A
998	581	179	238	2315	1327

In addition, on the international scene, Real boast six European Cup victories plus two final appearances and the unofficial world championship for clubs in 1960.

Real's big breakthrough to the élite of world football occurred in 1954 with the engagement of the great Argentinian centre-forward Alfredo Di Stefano. Before that, Real were Spanish champions only twice, in 1932 and 1933 when they fielded such stars as wonder goalkeeper Ricardo Zamora, Quincoçes, Ciriaco and Regueiro. Only once, in 1948, were they threatened with relegation but survived narrowly in front of Oviedo. Naturally, the Meringues frequently produced the league's top scorers mostly in Di Stefano and later through the famous Hungarian Ferenc Puskas. Frankly, one cannot envisage the end of Real's hegemony in the Spanish soccer arena, although this particular season raised a sour note among their faithful *aficionados* with the team's elimination from the European Cup by outsiders Rapid of Vienna, after last year's unlucky defeat by Manchester United.

BENFICA REDIVIVUS?

ALTHOUGH Benfica, the pride of Portugal, have won the league championship for the third year running, the writing on the wall has at last turned to belated realisation that the present side can no longer draw on past credit and must inevitably submit to major rebuilding. Their staggering European Cup defeat by Ajax

Amsterdam, and this after Benfica won the first leg by 3-1 in Holland, has clearly accelerated the process, whilst the decline of the national side is directly connected with the club's fall from grace.

Twice European Cup winners and thrice beaten finalists, Benfica, who lifted Portuguese football after years of obscurity to a pinnacle of fame, are now planning a clean sweep affecting some of their ageing stars like Coluna, Augusto and Cruz. The management have made contacts with several top Portuguese players including goalkeeper Fonseca (20) at present with Leixoes, defenders Nené (21) of Academica and Walter (24) from Guimaraes, plus forwards Vitor Campos (24) and the prolific scorer Artur Jorge (24) both from Academica, the last named having apparently signed a contract already.

It looks as if next season Benfica will tackle the Champions Cup with a number of new faces hoping to climb the dizzy heights once more. The old boxing adage "they never come back", doesn't often apply in football. Benfica will have an opportunity of confirming or disproving this theory!

MANAGERS, LIKE CONDUCTORS

SOCCER managers or coaches and musical conductors have acquired similar importance during the last decades. Hardly anyone was greatly concerned about them in the 'forties or earlier, when on a programme of music one could only hope to find: Conductor—John Smith, in small print or frequently not at all. And the football manager was largely unknown.

Today, the name of the conductor stands before that of the composer: "Herbert von Karajan will conduct Beethoven". The soccer supremo who made a name for himself is also listed before the names of his players as was the case with Hellenio Herrera or until recently Max Merkel. In Switzerland or Austria the average soccer fan could not name more than one, two or three players of FC Nürnberg, but he knew all about Max Merkel. Of his income before and after the salary reduction, of his instruments—the whip and the sweetener. I am always reminded of illusionists who manipulate a magic stick to produce rabbits, chickens and pigeons out of their top hats.

But is this development healthy? I speak of soccer and not of music. Austria's national coach Leopold Stastny said recently: "The managers are overpaid and their performance is grossly overrated." We should listen to Stastny who never says a word too many and rarely one which he hasn't carefully selected beforehand. Bela Guttmann, who once led Benfica to their greatest triumphs, has a similar opinion. With the exception of one manager, he claims, they all earn too much money. The exception: Bela Guttmann! He discovered, long before Cassius Clay, the expression "I am the greatest." But Guttmann used to say it in a modest tone without the slightest quiver of voice: "I am the best and therefore most expensive coach in the world." It sounded as if he were to say on a Monday—"Today is Monday."

BRITISH IN THE WRONG

A coach who remains too long with one club loses his effect like a constantly consumed medicine. This too, Bela Guttmann recognised before many others: "I would always leave after the pinnacle of success. Like the leading actor bowing to frenetic applause and departing to appear in another theatre." Bela Guttmann, the star among managers, retired for a few years to Vienna and a life of comfort. He wears elegant suits and plays the most refined card game —bridge. For some weeks now he has been to South America, perhaps to start another managerial career.

The profession of a soccer coach lies somewhere between sport, science, superstition and worship. They are the highest paid magicians in the world!

USELESS INFORMATION!

MY sympathies extend to those English soccer reporters who for the umpteenth time this season have been grossly misled by a news agency and subsequently reproduced inaccurate information. No wonder that some hawk-eyed readers flooded the sports editors' desks with letters pointing out with pride the mistaken assertions of the chief soccer correspondents.

Augusto of Benfica. (U)

For obvious reasons the name of this agency—let's call it a mine of useless information—cannot be disclosed, but I suspect it was the same one which early in March released the surprising and hopelessly wrong statistic that France had lost four of their last five home matches when the correct sequence was two defeats, two draws and one win. Worse followed before and even after Manchester United's European Cup clash with AC Milan, when the majority of English soccer scribes, columnists, radio and television commentators (including the usually knowledgeable Kenneth Wolstenholme of all people!) were fed the unbelievable scoop that no British team had ever won at the San Siro stadium in Milan, in any European competition.

From my contacts with many leading English soccer writers I can vouch that they often work under tremendous pressure and should be forgiven for not always checking their statistical sources. But for future reference I suggest that this news agency frames the following factual details: Birmingham City beat Inter-Milan by 2-1, in the first leg of their Fairs Cup semi-final at the San Siro stadium in Milan on April 19, 1961. Attendance 20,000—goalscorers: Firmani for Inter, Harris and Ballerini o.g. for Birmingham.

Hoping to have been of service, to whom it may concern. Yours faithfully, etc. . .

Feverish Activity

by ANDREW DETTRE

AFTER months of feverish inactivity, Australia's sluggish preparations for the World Cup have finally started. Not with a mad rush, not even with great enthusiasm, as far as officialdom is concerned or, to use a bad pun, unconcerned. But national coach Joe Vlasits has now managed to stage two training camps and whittle down the originally huge, 47-man squad to a more manageable and saner 27.

This is the squad at the moment: **Goalkeepers:** Corry, Frazer (both New South Wales), Kastner (Victoria); **full-backs and stoppers:** Keith, Ackerley, Marnoch, Zeman, Schaefer (all NSW), Wilkins (Queensland), Lloyd (Newcastle) and Rice (Victoria); **midfielders:** Warren, Watkiss, Tolson, Walsh (all NSW), Perin (South Australia), Micic (Victoria); **forwards:** Abonyi, Baartz, Alagic, Reynolds, Manuel (NSW), McColl, Vojtek (Victoria), Bachelor, Birch (South Australia), Johnstone (Queensland).

Significantly, NSW or rather Sydney, clubs have provided 16 players and all the other States only 11 between them. And when the squad is further reduced to about 22, Sydney will still have about 14 representatives in it.

Somewhat symptomatically of Australian soccer, only eight of the players are Australian-born: Corry, Wilkins, Warren, Tolson, Baartz, Alagic, Manuel and Johnstone. Of the others, 12 are British-born and the rest came to Australia as children or youngsters from Germany, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Hungary and Italy.

The first test of any kind came at the end of May when a New South Wales team, including 11 Sydney-based squad members, met and easily defeated New Caledonia 6-0 in Sydney. The 10,000 spectators were bewildered over the incredibly poor display of the visitors against whom NSW dashed to a 5-0 lead after 35 minutes, then almost purposely held back for the rest of the match not to turn the game into a goal orgy.

The Caledonians offered not even token opposition; they were slow, refused to tackle and their tactical maturity seemed 30 years behind the time. Against them it was very hard to gain a true picture of Australia's strength and potential. However, in all aspects of the game the NSW team was as clearly superior as it is possible in football.

Some observers were impressed with the Australian display. St. George-Budapest coach, Frank Arok, former trainer of Vojvodina, promptly declared that this NSW side would be a match for any Yugoslav First Division team with the possible exception of the top three or four. National coach, Joe Vlasits, was also quietly enthusiastic.

Racing make new

Argentina Soccer Scene from Eric Weil

Looks like a kick in the pants for Boca's Orlando Medina from Independiente's Raimondo. Actually Raimondo cleared with an overhead kick (a "chilena"), a ball which Medina wanted to head in the league match which finished 0–0. (EW)

IT'S been a comparatively quiet month in Argentina since my last article, except that the Argentine FA is being sued by relatives of spectators killed at last season's River Plate stadium disaster; that Estudiantes de La Plata reached (and won) the final of the South American Club Championship again; that yet another national team coach, Humberto Maschio, almost resigned and that the Boca Juniors number one, Antonio Roma, set up a new goal-keeping record.

The FA is being sued for some 31,721,000 pesos (£38,200) collected after the disaster at the River Plate stadium last season when over 70 people were killed and which has not yet been handed over to the people it was intended for, but this does not yet, at any rate, have the makings of a scandal.

Estudiantes de La Plata reached the final of the Libertadores Cup, the South American Club Championship, for the second year running, but it took them a couple of matches to get there this time. As holders, they had a bye into the semi-final where they met Universidad Catolica, the Chilean vice-champions, who had to play 12 games to reach the semi-final.

Estudiantes had an easy time, winning both home and away legs 3-1. The Argentines didn't go to Chile to play defensively in the first leg as many teams do in this competition, but their attacking play was still poor except for intelligent newcomer, Rudzki, and they missed several chances. The Chileans tried to impose their short-passing game in the second leg and actually had more possession of the ball, but were seldom dangerous. Catolica were forced to give up the midfield and their packed defence showed flaws.

Although not playing all that well, Estudiantes again gave the impression that they rose to a higher level for these cup games. Not only that, but as the dates approached, the players suddenly showed an urgency in league games which had been absent earlier and won three games in a row, scoring 11 goals to none in the process. It must also be taken into account, however, that their league opposition was not too strong and Estudiantes had previously had a lot of injuries. Yet Estudiantes are only fourth in their section of the Metropolitan Championship, seven points behind joint leaders, Racing and River Plate, and although they have a game in hand, they will find it hard to finish in the top two places to qualify for the semi-finals.

Boca Juniors still top the other section with eight games to go. Boca lost their only game of the season, their 13th, in the inter-section classic against River Plate who outplayed them to win 2-0. Boca hadn't had more than one goal scored against them in any of their previous 26 games. River Plate complained that they had to play a tough league game on a muddy pitch three days earlier while Boca Juniors rested, but after four minutes River had gained a psychological advantage by scoring through Daniel Onega. Later it was River's erratic defence, which has often let them down this season, putting up a great performance against Boca's frantic attacks, while Mas scored the second from a b away in the closing minutes.

Boca's Peruvian defender, Melendez, king-pin of their defence, was injured i game and has been advised to have a cart operation, while their most dangerous forv Pianetti, was sent off in the next game suspended for six matches. So Boca may a harder time to stay on top without these although they have good reserves.

Racing Club are the only unbeaten tea the championship and joint leaders of Section after 14 games. Racing now give same impression as in 1965 (the year be their last title win followed by the world cl pionship)—of a team rich in promise. this time they also possess a solid basi experienced men such as goalie Cejas, Ba Perfumo and Rulli, while the impetus give newcomers Aguirre and forwards Lam Salomone and Machado da Silva is likel make this new Racing better than the winners of 1966 who in turn were a b team than the one which beat Celtic to win world title a year later.

A scare for Racing fans came when and Basile held out for more pay, refuse turn up for training and were left out of team. Racing did badly without them. one game they were back, apparently not a higher salary but with a heavy fine sla on them.

Chacarita Juniors, the season's revela who base their training programme on tha Estudiantes de La Plata, with the emphasi hard work and more hard work, have c taken national champions, Velez Sarsfield second place of Section "A". Velez have slipping with only two points from last four games. Meanwhile San Lorenzo, year's now ailing Metropolitan champi came up with the old medicine: "The pla are doing badly, let's sack the coach," Manuel Giudice, who six months earlier taken Velez Sarsfield to their first-ever nati title, parted company with the club "by mu consent".

BELOW LEFT: Independiente's goalkeeper, Santoro, fearlessly takes the ball from the feet of Racing's Cardenas (right) and Salomone (left) in the derby match which ended 2–2. (EW). BELOW RIGHT: Daniel Onega puts River Plate one up after four minutes in the "clasico" against Boca Juniors. Melendez (dark shirt) arrives too late to intercept. (EW)

HELD TO RANSOM

WORLD CUP—GROUP 12

by ERIC WEIL

WORLD Cup Qualifying Group 12, composed of Uruguay, Chile and Ecuador, will be the first to kick off in South America with the Ecuador-Uruguay clash scheduled for Guayaquil on July 7 —if Uruguay participates.

Argentine-born Juan Hohberg (played for Peñarol from 1948 to 1960, was their leading scorer at centre-forward in which position he also represented Uruguay in the 1954 World Cup in Switzerland) was named coach at the beginning of February and started intensive training with a squad excluding players of Peñarol and Nacional, champions and vice-champions respectively, who were engaged in the South American Club Championship. After a time, however, these players asked the Uruguayan FA for higher payments. The FA's offer, based on a very optimistic calculation of possible gate receipts from international matches, was nowhere near what the players wanted. No agreement was reached and on April 24 training was suspended.

Here was another case of players putting immediate financial gain before the honour of representing their country—in spite of threats of suspension covering league games. A month later, and six weeks before the first World Cup qualifying game, preparations were still at a complete standstill.

All is not lost, however. The Uruguayan selectors were waiting for the end of the South American Club Championship, at the end of May, to pick a team from the big clubs, Peñarol and Nacional—always providing that these clubs' players do not put up the same stand regarding financial rewards.

REGULAR

This would leave barely a month for preparation, but Peñarol and Nacional have most of the best players anyway and they are in full training with regular match practice since the beginning of February —something which the disbanded squad had not had as the league championship had not begun and Uruguay's last international game was played in October.

There was plenty of optimism in Uruguay last year regarding their World Cup chances in spite of poor results on an American tour during which none of six full internationals were won, but numerous newcomers were given experience and it was almost a case of too many promising players coming to the fore at the same time. But taking results into account, Uruguay's only win in eight internationals played last year was at home against erratic Argentina by 2-1.

Hohberg, known as the "hangman" during his playing days because of the ease with which he spoilt goalkeepers' reputations, favours attacking soccer in which the player makes the ball run more to save his energy. So that is likely to be their pattern of play if they participate.

CHILE SLIGHT FAVOURITES

The problems in Uruguay make Chile slight favourites to win this group and a certainty if Uruguay drops out.

Also under an Argentine coach, Salvador Nocetti (who has been in Chile as player and later coach for a number of years now) a 24-man squad, from all clubs, was picked early in March and started regular training during the middle of April. The squad has been playing against local club sides every Wednesday, but has not impressed—which is not unusual when players are in the middle of the league championship and don't really put their heart into the practices. The team was further handicapped by injuries and the absence of players from Wanderers and Universidad Catolica, champions and vice-champions, engaged in the South American Club Championship until end of May.

VETERANS

The squad includes two veterans of the 1962 team which was third in the World Cup played in Chile, Alberto Fouilloux and Humberto Cruz, but uncapped newcomers such as Carlos Caszelli, Gustavo Laube, Daniel Diaz and Adolfo Neff have rejuvenated the side. Uruguay's Peñarol and Nacional have been approached for the release of defender Elias Figueroa and midfield link man, Ignacio Prieto, two possible key players, which has caused discontent in the squad. But Nocetti has said that neither will be an automatic choice and they will have to fight for their places.

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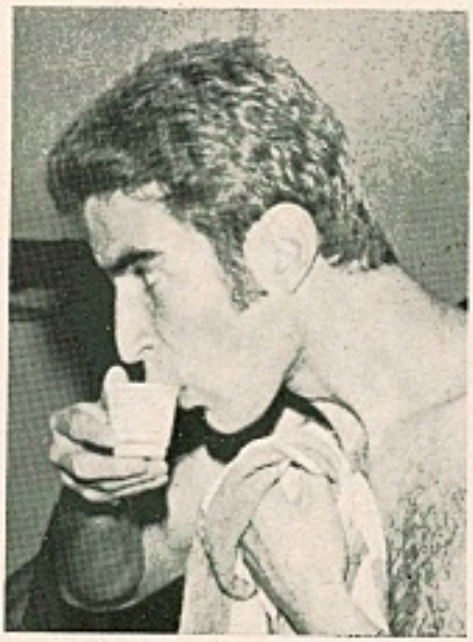
Pedro Araya, clever right- or left-winger wanted by Santos FC, is a danger man in Chile's attack which, nevertheless, lacks punch. (EW)

Goalkeeper Antonio Roma (Boca Juniors) recaptured the First Division record for keeping his goal intact which Antonio Carrizo, then River Plate's goalie, had taken off him last season. Roma had no goals scored against him for 13 hours and one minute (which bettered Carrizo's time by 12 minutes) until Wehbe of Velez Sarsfield beat him.



Ignacio Prieto, key mid-field player with South American Club Championship finalists, Nacional de Montevideo, could be the key-man in Chile's national team also. (EW)

PLACE WON BACK

by CHRIS WEST

AFTER their return to Italy from the World Cup in 1966, the Italian national squad suffered the ignominy of being pelted with rotten tomatoes and other less salutary objects. One must accept that the team were mere scapegoats, suffering for the sins which their *commendatore* business-magnate fathers had visited upon their footballing children.

The trauma of Italy's defeat by North Korea has, in the space of two seasons, proved to have had such a positive effect that Italy has won back its place as a front-runner amongst the soccer nations of the world. Thus to men, like [the late] Vittorio Pozzo, Italian Federation President Artemio Franchi, Gigi Peronace, famous referee Lo Bello, and others too numerous to mention, Italian football was allowed to take a long, hard look at itself.

England, of course, was the first country to which the Italians turned: in the last couple of years, apart from an increasing number of friendlies between the two countries, the Italians have been here in force to examine our training methods, and our League and management structures. By the time Milan won the Cup Winners Cup in 1968, a lot of what was rotten in the state of Italian football was being subjected to healthy doses of reform. Italian football, however, though it ranks 21st in the list of Italy's industries, has never been, and is still not, a profitable business.

Hysterical

Indeed it is still (and here I quote my colleague Brian Glanville)—it is still, "with its weekly dramas, its hysterical tensions, its blend of circus ring and 'opera buffa' ... like Italian life at large ... afflicted by the *commendatore* syndrome: little men buzzing around great industrialists who dominate all the major Italian football teams".

The industrialist has always been important in Italian football because he represents, in a society with a small though growing middle class, the big and patronising baron, the modern counterpart of Lorenzo the Magnificent. It is only he who can buy up top-class players for the "Super-League" clubs, hand out illegal bonuses to a successful team, bribe the tax authorities (or simply fiddle his taxes—even more of a national pastime in Italy than in England).

Exchange

The influence of these barons will take a long time to check, but in 1967 the first great step was taken when the Italian league forced clubs to transfer themselves into limited companies, taking over in the process immense debts to the banks (often private banks owned by the industrialists themselves), debts moreover which were estimated to cost, in interest alone, in the region of £700,000 a year. In exchange the league obtained at least a nominal control over club expenditure and now, to quote Brian Glanville again: "at the end of each season when the transfer lists open and the halls of the expensive Hotel Gallia in Milan throng with the purveyors and purchasers of football stars, each club must now submit its purchases to the league for authorisation. They must also seek permission for the salaries they pay their players and for the bonuses they offer.

"Fair enough," continues Brian, "when the league is charging no interest on the debts, and recovers them from the club's share of receipts from television and the national football pools, but appearance and reality differ. Italian taxes are so ludicrously high that total honesty amounts to virtual suicide. Thus Milan, the wealthiest and much the best run club in Italy, nominally pays its captain and key inside-forward Gianni Rivera £16,000 signing-on fee at the start of each season. In fact the sum is probably nearer £26,000."

Earnings

In Britain, where the maximum wage was not abolished till 1961, the average First Division player earns a basic £80 or so a week. Though bonuses for large crowds, or for holding a high place in the league, can materially increase the earnings of a player with a successful club from week to week —sometimes by £50 or more—only a small aristocracy earns a basic £6,000 a year.

The signing-on bonus is what counts in the Italian game, for the player's guaranteed basic wage of £133 a month is almost irrelevant. When Helmut Haller, the West German international inside-forward, joined Juventus from Bologna last summer, he was said to have received £38,000. Recently, after publicly expressing adverse opinions about the Juventus team while with the German World Cup team in Scotland, the club fined him 1,000,000 lire (i.e. £666). For, if a player can be extravagantly rewarded, he is equally open to heavy fines, either for disciplinary reasons or for poor performances. These can run into thousands of pounds.

But the reforms are getting through. In the first place, the Italian Football Federation has placed a three-year ban on the signing of foreign soccer players. The ban does not apply to foreigners already playing for Italian clubs. The signing of new foreign players for the league has been banned since 1965, partly as a measure to encourage the development of Italian talent. The ban has been almost annually reintroduced ever since. President Franchi said the only new foreigners who would be allowed to play next year would be amateurs resident in Italy. The Federation has approved the recruitment of foreign coaches, but they ruled that the hiring of overseas coaches be limited to one year—with a review in 1970—and that only First Division clubs would be allowed to employ the newcomers.

Discussed

I discussed this new approach with Dr. Piero Molino, the press officer of Juventus, close friend of their president Giordanetti. "In our view," said Molino, "as the world gets smaller, there is more need for cultural exchange. Italians have always held British

Italian champions Fiorentina. Back row, left to right: Ferrante, Merlo, Brizzi, Mancin, Maraschi, Superti. Front: Chiarugi, Esposito, Rogora, De Sisti, Amarildo. (UPI)

A thunderous shot from Bobby Charlton gives Manchester United a 1–0 lead against AC Milan in the semi-final of the European Cup —but the Italian club won 2–1 on aggregate. (A)

coaching methods in high regard and it seems logical that if a First Division team of home-bred talent can be made aware of the techniques and psychology of a great Nordic football nation, such as England, they stand more chance of international success. This is an attempt to get a meeting of true minds, an attempt to produce the European 'super-league' team of the future; and whilst we must, for the sake of our own pride, learn to rely upon our own flesh and blood as raw material, we have been forced to the conclusion that no team can be internationally successful unless it is subjected to multi-lateral external influences."

Nostalgic

I should, of course, add here that Molino was referring to his club's bid for Malcolm Allison, now that the Paraguayan Heriberto Herrera has departed for Spain, where he is expected next year to train the national squad. No names were mentioned: the subject at that time was strictly *sub-judice*, but he did recall nostalgically the era of gentle giant John Charles, who was the Italian league's leading goal-scorer in 1957–58.

"Charles," said Molino, "was both the supreme individualist and an excellent team man. He learned from us and we learned from him. Law and Greaves, on the other hand, though I still rate them as world-class players, remain supreme individualists and were unable to settle into the Italian system. They did not even bother to learn the language, so team interplay was difficult. It got to a point where they could both have, say, one splendid game in four, through individual effort, and in the other three their teams might as well have been playing with ten men. Now *our* team, which is the most expensive in the world after Roma, needs a hard, 'no-nonsense' coach who will weld together our own collection of brilliant individualists."

Turning now to my end-of-season comments I will, before speaking of the top teams, regret the passing of Varese to the Second Division (along with Pisa and Atalanta). In three or four seasons, Varese acting as a First Division nursery, have earned in the region of £2½ million by selling players. They now find themselves in a position of having to spend if they wish to make a speedy return to the "Serie A".

Property

Milan and Turin, Italy's richest and most industrial cities, have always regarded the *scudetto* as practically their private property, but this year Fiorentina have broken the monopoly previously held by Juventus, Inter, and Milan. Away to Juventus, Chiarugi dropped the ball past Anzolin to score a simple goal and in the last match of the season, on May 18, they had an easy 3-1 home win against the unfortunate Varese. The penultimate game against Juventus had already clinched the title for them.

To quote yet another colleague, Eric Batty: "Only once before have Fiorentina taken the championship—in the 1955–56 season when they had a Brazilian winger, the elusive Julinho. This time their Brazilian talisman is Amarildo but the success is due more to team-work than any individual. For several seasons it has been recognised that Fiorentina play the most attractive football and the *scudetto* is a just reward."

The fact that Cagliari managed to pip Milan into third place on goal average, makes it almost certain that their star Riva will remain with the Sardinians next season. I say "almost certain" because, in a season more than ever dedicated to *catenaccio*, Riva, with 20 league goals, was top scorer. There is naturally a fantastic price on his head which may force Cagliari, who are not a wealthy side by Italian standards, to sell.

Supporters

Somewhat surprisingly, Riva has not received the Italian press's unofficial award as Italian Footballer of the Year. This honour has gone to Prati, whom supporters of Manchester United and Ajax will remember to their dying day.

Second place goes to De Sisti, the Bobby Charlton of Fiorentina. This award is not at all surprising: De Sisti has held together a dynamic team of individualists which includes such names as Chiarugi, Maraschi, Esposito and the Brazilian Amarildo.

Whilst Italian football still lacks the breadth of talent to be found in Britain, its anomalous financial structure has brought to a few lucky teams enough talent in depth, i.e. world-class players, to allow one to prognosticate a golden era for Italian football which could well culminate with great success in next year's World Cup.

My forecast for next season—a return to the top for Inter who, like Manchester United, came on late in the season and are, in fact (*see table on page 47*) the season's highest goal-scorers. Also perhaps a brighter future for Roma.

Leading Goal-scorers

Riva (Cagliari) 20; Bui (Verona) 15; Maraschi (Fiorentina) 14; Anastasi (Juventus) 14; Prati (Milan) 14; Muiesan (Bologna) 11; Bertini (Inter) 11; Pellizzaro (Palermo) 10; Clerici (Atalanta) 9; Savoldi (Bologna) 9; Boninsegna (Cagliari) 9; Domenghini (Inter) 9.

WORLD SOCCER BACK NUMBERS

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Stephan Bozhkof talks to WORLD SOCCER

DURING the last decade Bulgarian football has shown an evident progress. The high class of Bulgarian football was demonstrated in 1962 and 1966 when its national team outplayed France and Belgium and qualified for the finals of the World Championship in Chile and England.

For qualification in the forthcoming World Cup in Mexico in 1970, Bulgaria will play the strong teams of Holland, Poland and Luxembourg. Five of the six qualification matches will be played during the current year and will determine the participant of this group in the finals. A representative of the Sofia Press Agency interviewed Dr. Stephan Bozhkov, the selector of the Bulgarian national team, who was kind enough to answer the following questions:

QUESTION: During the winter season the Bulgarian team played two matches with Torpedo-Moscow (3-1) and the Democratic Republic of Germany (3-1). What was the condition of the Bulgarian players during this early period of training?

ANSWER: During the last two winter seasons the training of the Bulgarian national team was carried out according to a strictly established plan, which has been approved by the Executive Bureau of the Bulgarian Football Federation and the Training and Methodical Council. As a rule the training is carried out on the club principle. The Football Association exercises a strict control of the training programme, and the coaches of the club teams train the players of the national team according to an individual plan. The preliminary matches for the Football Championship of Bulgaria, which were played after this preparatory period, were also of great training value for the national players, and helped them to regain a satisfactory sports form. In the two consecutive international control matches, the national team, as a whole, demonstrated good physical condition and very high discipline. It should be borne in mind that these control matches were played without an immediate preliminary training of the entire team. What is more, Torpedo had trained for almost a month in South America, while the national team of the German Democratic Republic had been in continuous training for their World Cup qualification match, on March 29, with Italy.

QUESTION: What are your plans for the further training of the national players, and when do you expect them to be in their best form?

ANSWER: The collective training of the entire national team will continue with short camp-training periods, which will not last longer than ten days, and will be held only before the decisive matches for the World Cup. Several practice matches are also planned with very strong teams—the national teams of Italy and West Germany, and with the Radnichki Football Club from Nish, Yugoslavia, etc. All this serious training programme is carried out with a view to having the players of the Bulgarian national team in their best sports form by June 15, for their match with the national team of Poland. After the end of the National Cup championship, a 20-day rest will be given to the players. Right after that a very intensive training will begin for the decisive matches from October 15 to November 15, with the national teams of the Netherlands and Poland—for the World Cup qualification.

The Bulgarian team before their World Cup match against Luxembourg this year. From left to right: G. Popov, D. Dermendjiev, D. Yakimov, S. Aladjov, V. Mitkov, D. Penev, H. Bonev, D. Jechev, G. Asparukhov, S. Simeonov, B. Gagenelov. (Tanielian)

BULGARIA TO QUALIFY?

QUESTION: According to you which national teams do you believe will qualify for the finals of the World Cup in Mexico?

ANSWER: Besides the two teams which are entitled to participate by right—England, the present World Champions, and Mexico, as organisers of the Championship, I believe that the other 14 teams will be: Portugal, Hungary, Italy, the Soviet Union, Sweden, Belgium, West Germany, Bulgaria, Argentine, Brazil, Uruguay, the United States of America, Japan and Sudan.

(Please note: This interview was conducted before Portugal and the USA saw their World Cup hopes shattered.—EDITOR.*)*

HELD TO RANSOM

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As I mentioned in WORLD SOCCER some time ago, Chile's soccer is technical but too soft by present-day standards. Wanderers won last season's league championship with a more robust style and Nocetti is trying to change the national team's play accordingly, but his main problem will be to get the players to play away as they do at home. Chile has usually been a home team. Their best World Cup performance came on home ground in 1962. Of last year's seven internationals played, the three home matches were won (versus Mexico 3-1, Argentina 2-1 and West Germany 2-1), while their away record was 1-1-2. No international games have been played this year up to the time of writing, but fixtures had been scheduled, including a possible visit to Europe, during June and July.

Ecuador are given little chance. Team preparation started mid-April. Brazil's former national coach, Zezé Moreira, who is currently with Nacional (Uruguay), was engaged, but as Nacional reached the final of the South American Club Championship, he had no time to get away and local coach, Fausto Montalván, is in charge.

Ecuador, never a power in soccer, has played no international matches for quite some time, while leading clubs, Deportivo Quito and Barcelona, from which a good number of the national squad is drawn, were faced by Uruguay's Nacional and Peñarol in this year's South American Club Championship first round group and failed to win any games against them.

'Dougan of Aussie'

by Harold Hastings

NICK McCULLUM, the 6 ft. 1 in. striker with George Cross (Victoria State League), is enjoying the tag "the Dougan of Aussie" now that the fans have seen film screenings of Ireland's matches in the recent home international series.

The lanky, bustling McCullum, voted the most exciting player in State League soccer in 1968, has many of the characteristics of Wolves beanpole Dougan—his asides to the crowd are said to put hundreds on to attendances when his team plays away—and he is almost as deadly in the box as the Irish international.

It was McCullum's dangerous heading that put George Cross into the Ampol Cup semi-finals, but they were denied a Final appearance by South Melbourne-Hellas who grabbed a last-minute goal to win 3-2.

George Cross, who have an impressive record in cup football, are Maltese-sponsored (many Aussie clubs are packed with players with birthright qualifications, nationalistic groups of Greeks, Italians, Hungarians, Czechs, etc.) but their usual line-up does not include a single Maltese-born player.

They usually field seven Scots, two Germans, one Englishman and one Spaniard. Their attack, with McCullum the boss, is rated highly but the club admits they could well do with a couple of defenders imported from Malta.

But leading clubs in Malta demand a high fee for players and, in any case, few players are keen to go to Australia while doing so well in their own country.

Former Arsenal and Watford wing-half Johnny Sanchez is a regular first-team choice for George Cross.

MATCHED

The courage of Dave Mackay, who twice broke a leg when with Spurs but came storming back to lead Derby County to Division I, has been matched by Mike Mandalis, who has rejoined South Melbourne-Hellas from Melbourne-HSC. He broke a leg twice, moved to Melbourne last season at a useful figure and on his first appearance for Hellas scored a goal.

Former Queen's Park Rangers defender, Pat Woods, whose partnership with Tony Ingham at the Bush put up a defensive record for the club, then in Division III, is still enjoying his soccer in Australia.

He is an automatic choice for Melita Eagles (NSW Fed. Division I) but is now at wing-half, where his aggressive bursts are paying off.

Pat, who emigrated to Aussie with his wife Jean and two young sons, was formerly with South Coast and in a recent match between Melita and his old club was voted star man. Melita favour Scots and two booked for the club are 25-year-old utility middle-man, Andy Gearie, formerly with East Fife, and 18-year-old inside-forward, Willie Hamilton, ex-Motherwell.

They were recommended to Melita by their Scottish forward Dave Goldie, who spotted them when on an extended holiday in Scotland where he studied for an FA coaching certificate.

Two young Scottish brothers, John and David McAusland, have also signed for Melita, which now has one of the strongest Scottish "colonies" in Aussie.

How would you like to heave 15 stone off the deck umpteen times during a match? Jackie Charlton, the "giraffe of Leeds", is a slim-Jim who wins many an aerial battle ... but heavyweight, 15 st. John Cattanach, a Scot, who stands 6 ft. 4 in., is a veteran who is still rated one of the toughest defenders "down under".

Cattanach is the hub of the Lions (South Australia) defence and has had much to do with the team's fine showing so far this season.

He was a newcomer to the South Australia 14-strong squad selected early this season.

SURFING

Which British club would release a star player from an important game in order that he could take part in a surfing championships?

Well, Hakoah (NSW) did just that for Joe Alagich to compete in the NSW surfing championships—as a tribute to his eight-year honorary services to the life-saving movement.

Ken Lowcock, secretary of the Elizabeth club (South Australia, Division I) is due in London later this month for a four-week "sightseeing" tour for new players.

He is hoping to sign up at least four new men and so boost the English strength of Elizabeth.

Brian Le Fevre, the new 35-year-old secretary of the Australian Soccer Federation, played on the wing for the Cheshire club Altrincham.

He went to Aussie in 1955 on a "short working holiday", liked the country and stayed to be offered the job of assistant secretary to the Royal NSW Bowling Club.

Now he is Aussie soccer's big man at a £3,000-a-year salary.

Sir William Walkley, president of the ASF, said: "It has been a hard job looking for the right man, but I think we have found him in Le Fevre."

Fresh boom in Japan

by S. USHIKI

(Soccer Magazine—Japan)

THE Japan league opened its fifth season with the promise of greater success than previous years. The opening game between Mitsubishi of Tokyo and Yanmar of Osaka attracted about 35,000 spectators to the National Stadium.

Although the crowd included many young schoolboys who are admitted free, Mr. Yoshinori Shigematsu, general secretary of the league, is optimistic regarding the financial prospects and said that the league will spend more money for the development of young players this year.

The Japan Football Association will celebrate its 50th anniversary on September 10 next year. It is planning a special celebration programme, including an international invitational tournament, publication of its history and an exhibition on football in Japan.

Although football was first introduced to Japan more than 90 years ago, it is only recently that it has become recognised as a major spectator sport. In 1887 the Physical Training Institute of the Government adopted football as one of its courses, and at the end of the 19th century several teachers from England introduced the laws of the game and began to teach the game in many normal schools.

In 1919 the English FA presented a silver trophy to the Japan Sports Association in order to accelerate the growth of football here. This led to the founding on September 10, 1920, of the Japan FA.

It took Japanese football many years to recover after the war. The revival began in 1960 when Dettmar Cramer of West Germany, now with FIFA, was invited to coach the national team.

Remarkable progress has been seen, both in popularisation of the sport at all levels, and in the playing standard of the national team.

The Japanese team won the bronze medal at the Mexico Olympic Games in 1968.

Gary Sprake saves from a Northern Ireland attack during the recent Home International Championship. (A)

WELSH FARCE

by PETER JACKSON

NOTHING, it seems, can go right for Wales. After the British Championship, the latest epistle in the apparently never-ending farce of Welsh international football, it is time the Principality's soccer legislators got annoyed ... very annoyed.

Less than seven days before the start of the domestic tournament, the Welsh FA were congratulating themselves, justifiably so, that at long last they could compete with their British neighbours by offering a full-strength team.

After all, hadn't the tournament been planned to avoid a repetition of what had happened to the Welsh before their World Cup games against Italy and East Germany when wholesale alterations had to be made because of the multi-withdrawal of injured personnel?

Indeed it had. And then, a few days before the opening match against Scotland at Wrexham, the telephone started to ring. Suddenly Wales had lost its entire half-back line.

And that, to all intents and purposes, was the end of the British championship. The first half-back "casualty" was Barrie Hole and the circumstances of his absence brought fresh controversy.

Hole had gone to America to compete in the US international club tournament with Aston Villa. And he had gone several days before the Scottish game.

The Welsh FA weren't pleased. One senior selector has called for an inquiry, and that the matter be reported to both the Football League and the Football Association. Several selectors have stated they will be against any decision to select Hole again for international duty.

As one selector put it: "Every player, free of injury, was to be made available if required by his country for the home championship. And if that involved players going on tour with their clubs, then it was made clear that those players would have to stay behind."

Aston Villa secretary Fred Archer stated emphatically that no pressure had been put on Hole by the Villa club. He said: "The decision was made of the player's own free will."

The departure to America of a midfield player who had before the start of the championship won 27 consecutive Welsh caps was indeed a heavy blow. But worse, much worse, was to happen 24 hours later.

Nottingham Forest apologised to the Welsh FA that Terry Hennessey would be unavailable. He chipped a bone in his foot during the Welsh World Cup tie in East Germany in April and that kept him inactive for the rest of the season.

Hole had gone, Hennessey was out of the reckoning through injury. Then Mike England went to Leicester for a First Division game and damaged his ankle so badly that the following day manager Bill Nicholson said he wouldn't only be unfit for the Scottish game but for the England and Northern Ireland games, too.

An entire half-back line, long acknowledged as the strongest Welsh department, had disintegrated. But there was no end to the Welsh team troubles as manager Dave Bowen awaited his players' arrival at their Chester headquarters.

Leicester's relegation match against Ipswich the same afternoon as the Wales-Scotland game kept Peter Rodrigues in the Midlands. And you can't blame Leicester manager Frank O'Farrell for insisting on that. A similar fixture clash and Swindon's promotion bid kept Rodrigues's full-back partner Rodney Thomas out of the side, too.

So Wales played Scotland with two substitute full-backs, three second-choice half-backs and the irony of their 5-3 defeat by Scotland was that Gary Sprake, the one surviving member of the defence chosen less than a fortnight earlier, had made the mistakes.

Rodrigues and Thomas were available for the matches against England and Northern Ireland. And after their brave attempt under Alan Durban's captaincy to beat England at Wembley, Welsh fans were left with the frustration of wishing: "If only. . . ."

If only there had been England and Hennessey. If only there had been Hole. If only there had been Rodrigues and Thomas at Wrexham. If only Sprake against the Scots hadn't made such uncharacteristic blunders.

In Wales there is a real danger of the public becoming a little tired of the monotonous hard-luck story of a rag-time Welsh side summoning Celtic fire as a substitute for lack of skill and experience.

The Welsh FA could do a lot worse than suggest that next season's tournament start a week later—to allow all outstanding League games to be completed and to give late-season injury victims a little more time to regain fitness.

Welsh talent is so limited that as long as wholesale changes have to be made little or nothing is going to be won at international level, except perhaps the wooden spoon.

One point from the three British matches isn't what you could call success. But it is no more than what was expected.

On the credit side Wales did have Ron Davies, surely the tournament's most lethal striker. He scored three of the four goals, John Toshack the other with a wicked 25-yard drive against Scotland in a match where the Welsh recovery from 0-2 to 3-3 provided entertainment. Reckless, perhaps but entertainment nevertheless.

What of the gamble of playing three orthodox centre-forwards in the forward line—the two Davieses and Toshack? Never really at any stage of the tournament did Wales play all three up front. Toshack was usually the one to advance from deep positions, hence Bowen's system was more 4-4-2 than it was 4-3-3.

Midfield is an area totally strange to Toshack. Wales had more than Ron Davies in terms of individual successes. Dave Powell simply confirmed what a good player he is, confirming it despite the fact that his experience at centre-half has been limited to a handful of matches. Swindon's Thomas could easily develop into the best full-back in British football.

Philip Rising's Column

FOR how much longer must football spectators at Wembley suffer from the appalling facilities that are provided to get them to and from the stadium?

Travelling to Wembley is bad enough but trying to get away after the match—particularly when a capacity crowd has been in attendance—is enough to test anyone's patience.

It took me—and several thousand other spectators at the England versus Scotland international—over an hour to get from the Stadium to Wembley Park station. Two enormous queues on either side of Empire Way moved at something less than snail's pace.

The police—and I am not criticising them—faced the unenviable task of trying to get a quart into a pint mug ... each queue, some 20 people wide, had to taper down to a maximum of three abreast to get into the station.

What a ridiculous situation. Tempers, somewhat understandably, became a little frayed and it was a wonder to me that people kept as calm as they did.

London Transport must have collected a substantial sum of money on this occasion, as they do whenever England are at home these days, and surely it is not too much to expect the out-of-date Wembley Park station to be suitably modified.

I am sure that the problem would be considerably eased if only the entrances were widened ... the police could still control the number of people entering the station at any one time. A reasonable shuttle service of trains running to London could then clear the masses in a relatively short space of time.

The England team has enjoyed tremendous support since 1966 but it is time something was done to ease the burden of these spectators when they depart for home.

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"England v. Scotland" is the title of a new book from the Pelham stable (35s.) by Brian James of the "Daily Mail".

Brian has collated a complete record of the matches between these arch-rivals, providing a detailed history of their conflicts through reports of every match.

The great teams, the great matches, the great memorable incidents ... the Wembley Wizards and the Hampden Roar, the Ibrox Disaster, the massacre of Manchester ... the facts and the legends of soccer's longest rivalry.

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I wonder if Alan Ball read the England-Scotland programme before he faced the Scots last month. In it Brian Glanville wrote of Ball's magnificent performance in the 1966 World Cup final, stating that "Ball virtually destroyed Germany's best known defender, Karl-Heinz Schnellinger".

Brian also wrote: "I believe Sir Alf Ramsey told him [Ball] afterwards that though he'd play many games for England, he would never play a finer game than that."

To my mind, Ball came close to emulating that display against Scotland. It was, without doubt, his best international performance since the World Cup; his passing was both decisive and accurate, his ability to run apparently for ever put to good purpose.

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Mention of Brian Glanville reminds me that last month he splendidly answered an argument by John Arlott of the "Guardian" that more and more schools are turning over from soccer to rugby.

I wholeheartedly agree with Brian that many schools change "on the most dubious social grounds". I myself went to a school in Surrey that was in the process of swapping from soccer to rugby when I entered my first year.

This school had previously boasted one of the best soccer teams in Surrey and had produced a number of professional footballers ... Mel Scott, formerly of Chelsea and Brentford, among them.

The change came about mainly because the majority of grammar schools in the area played "rugger" and the two senior PT masters were avid rugby fans. But the boys who joined the school at the age of 11 were already soccer fanatics and weren't the slightest bit interested in rugby.

We were told to play rugby and were forced to start an improvised "outlawed soccer squad". Put to a vote, the vast majority of boys in the school would have chosen soccer for their curriculum.

We still managed to play soccer, during lunch-breaks for example, but it wasn't the same. And the school lost its once-splendid name on the soccer side of the fence.

I think it is unfair that boys of ten and 11 years of age should be forced to give up—or at least interrupt—a game that they have probably been playing for a number of years.

Rugby suffers from the fact that few play the game until they reach secondary school at least. I remember that when I was eight or nine I spent most of my spare time in the local park kicking a ball about; not worrying whether I was on my own or with a couple of mates.

Two or three boys enjoying a kick-about is a common sight but how often do you see youngsters playing rugby in the local recreation ground?

Soccer is a natural game—kicking a ball is something we have all been doing since we learned to walk. Rugby, to my mind, is not and whatever the will of some misguided headmasters up and down the country, will never be a substitute, let alone replace, association football at any level.

That controversial incident in the England versus Scotland encounter. John Greig and Martin Peters clashed in the penalty area and the referee awarded a penalty to England. (A)

ERIC BATTY

is currently on his annual European tour. He was at the recent World Cup qualifying round match between Hungary and Czechoslovakia in Budapest. He comments . . .

SOOS HAS PROBLEMS

WITH six points in their bin after three World Cup qualifying matches the visit to the Nepstadion in Budapest was a critical point in the Czechs' plans and hopes for Mexico. For the Hungarians this was an even more important encounter, being the opening of their qualifying campaign and with tough matches ahead in Dublin and Prague this was a game that they could not afford to lose either.

Over the years these two countries have had many battles—always a needle affair for, although neighbours, there seems to be little love lost on either side. This animosity is carefully controlled but it is real and exists nonetheless. It stems very largely from the Czechs' misguided belief that all Hungarians are gipsies and the Hungarians claim that a large part of Slovakia was once Hungarian soil and should be returned.

With two World Cup points at stake and the other factors in the background, Budapest was besieged by what seemed an army of Czech fans. The day before the match, Czechs arrived by the coachload, on trains and in smaller parties travelling by car. Sixteen thousand of them had tickets and while the Nepstadion's 80,000 seats had all been sold weeks in advance there were many Czechs who made the trip without a ticket, hoping to buy one at enhanced prices. If one stood on a main street for more than a few seconds someone was sure to ask "listek?" or "billet?".

The Czechs it seems had asked the Hungarian FA for 30,000 tickets and been given an allocation of 10,000. Under pressure and no doubt threatening to treat their neighbours similarly in September when the return match is due to be staged in Prague, they squeezed another 6,000 from the Magyars. This still wasn't enough to meet the demand and there must have been many fans who made a round trip of more than 600 miles only to watch the game on television.

EMPHASISED

As a match it wasn't good. At home I wouldn't have gone across the road to see it had I known what it would be like, but it must be emphasised that football everywhere is on the decline, buried beneath a stagnating heap of personal and national ambitions and festered by the ever increasing demand for results at all costs. Win bonuses were said to be high on both sides —1,500 US dollars (£900) a man for the Czechs if they reach Mexico and 75,000 Florints (£1,000) all round for the Hungarians if it is they who win the Group.

With incentives like that the exhortations of Marko on one side and Soos on the other were quite unnecessary and for the first ten minutes the match resembled a battlefield. During this period there was no attempt whatsoever to play football. The Hungarians were eager to intimidate their rivals, while the Czechs first retaliated and then appealed to the Rumanian referee (who was quite inadequate) that they were being fouled.

Certainly there were many fouls on both sides during this period but it was mostly petty stuff. Adamec was kicked by Kaposzta at this period and these two carried on a feud that went on throughout the match, but most of the other players finally settled to something resembling football. There were moments of real class but they were limited to one on each side and they seemed even more remarkable in a drab game.

For Hungary, Albert chipped a beauty down the right flank to meet Bene steaming from the centre and arriving just in time. With Horvath in attendance but standing off a yard or two, Bene turned on the ball and curled it forward into the path of Dunai bursting through the middle alone. This was real football and though the burly inside-left shot wide with his dreaded left foot it proved conclusively that the Magyars can still play . . . when they want to.

The Czechs can do it, too, though their best efforts lack the polish and elegance of the Hungarians at their best. But one second-half move left the Hungarian defenders helpless as the ball flowed from Szikora to Kabat and back to Kuna and on to Kabat and in to Adamec. The left foot of Adamec is a real weapon, comparable with that of Dunai, and if he doesn't reap a similar harvest of goals, the power and swerve that Adamec can impart to the ball with his left foot is vastly superior. This time from a simple chance, close in, Adamec shot wide.

That was perhaps the best chance that fell to the Czechs in the entire game though Szentmihaly in the Hungarian goal was almost caught by one long drive from Adamec that suddenly "left" him and Vesely made several good runs on the right flank that might have brought a better reward.

BELLIGERENT

In midfield the Czechs were better served by Szikora and Kuna than were the Hungarians by Albert and Zambo. For lengthy periods the Czechs held the upper hand largely because of their midfield superiority. Late in the game Szucs became more belligerent and even nasty. He should have gone off then, but had the referee had the wit and the courage to have acted against him, the departure of Szucs would have come too late.

There is a great deal of talk going on in both countries about their respective needs for professionalism but all the indications are there that the amateurs of Eastern Europe have little to learn from the West in the way of gamesmanship. All that's lacking it appears is discipline and dedication from the players—and money from the authorities.

Here it was clear that the Czechs and Hungarians have not travelled abroad with their eyes closed. At free-kicks the referee put the ball down and signalled that the kick must not be taken. He then paced out the ten yards and tried to ensure that all the defenders were beyond the range allowed. But while he assembled the defending players, the attacking side were busily moving the ball closer to the wall and wider to give a better shooting angle. And with all the preparations made and the referee signalling that all was in order the defensive wall edged forward. It couldn't be said that they stepped forward, for each shuffling movement was minute. But in two or three seconds the shuffling wall had moved three yards!

INITIATIVE

From the Czech point of view they were perhaps unfortunate. I judged them at least as good as the Hungarians and a 1-1 draw would have been a fair result. That they didn't get it was due to a certain hesitancy in their defence at vital moments and an inability to commit enough players to attack when they had earned the initiative. This is not to say that the Czechs played defensively but neither full-back was either to commit himself upfield. Here the Czechs were unfortunate to be without the Spartak Trnava pair, Karol Dobias and Vladimir Hagara. The latter has already scored two goals in World Cup matches and Dobias has hit many a winner for his club. But for this match Hagara was unfit and Dobias, though starting the match, was taken off injured after only five minutes.

Pivarnik, who replaced Dobias, did extremely well defensively and twice recovered well through sheer speed and determination after Vencel had gone out and been beaten. Dunai through alone with the goal at his mercy twice, was robbed on both occasions by the substitute.

After only ten minutes the Hungarians were ahead through Dunai's flashing left foot. Zambo took a quick throw-in out on the left near the corner flag and from a duel between two full-backs, Pancsics and Pivarnik, the ball ran loose back to Zambo. His cross passed close enough to both Horvath and Plass, though neither made any attempt to meet the ball, and finally was pulled down by Dunai. From six yards Vencel had no chance and this early goal gave the Hungarians a certain composure, which, if it didn't enable them to settle down and play real football, it certainly calmed their nerves.

NIGGLING

The Czechs took it well and coming as it did after the early kicking and niggling it persuaded the Czechs that they had better start playing.

Unfortunately for them Adamec didn't really settle down to trying to score goals until the last half-hour. Other players on both sides didn't settle down at all, which is a tragedy, for at their best I know I was seeing some of the most accomplished players in Europe. Florian Albert can be a real match-winner, another Di Stefano, who could do everything and win games on his own. But Albert looked as he has so often to me—satisfied that Hungary were leading 1-0—and seldom willing to stir himself.

Bene still looks good and in a better balanced side could be a riot. He moves intelligently, timing his lateral runs as Hurst does for England and West Ham to sheer perfection. On the ball he has the ability and the courage to go past a man and the legs to stay ahead of him once he's round, but Bene received such little support that for all his effort he was doomed to get no reward.

Szoke from Ferencvaros on the right wing for Hungary, failed to produce his best club form and was replaced early in the second half by Fazekas of Ujpest Dozsa but neither man was able to do the job one expects from a modern winger—to get around the near post and make a shooting position for themselves or create a shooting chance for a colleague.

Overall there was a pleasing absence of the hopeful high cross into the goalmouth which so hampers the development of the game in Britain and an equally pleasing desire to play the ball out of defence. This was true of both sides but it was equally true that once they had worked the ball into the enemy half of the field, the attacks fell down. For the Czechs this was largely due to the complacency of Adamec and an inability to reinforce their attacking trio fast enough. For the Hungarians, their attack failed to develop as it was expected to because Albert adopted a similar attitude to that of Adamec and because both Zambo and the pair of right-wingers failed to measure up to the standards demanded.

Early in the game with the Hungarians leading 1-0, Nosko was injured and replaced by Janos Farkas. This gave a definite attacking edge to the balance of the Hungarian team. But Farkas is not the player we saw in Liverpool during the last World Cup. He hit one good first-time shot from a free-kick touched to him by Albert but made little impact on the game.

DETERMINED

With only two minutes left and Szucs dominating matters with his enormous energy used British style in a determined effort to prevent the Czechs developing a dangerous attack, the Hungarians suddenly and surprisingly scored again. Fazekas crossed from the right flank, pulling the ball back away from goal. Bene came back late from the goalmouth and facing the wrong way attempted to shoot on the full turn. His left foot effort might have been intended for a pass but it looked to me like an unsuccessful shot going wide when Albert found the ball with his head and deflected it into the corner from five or six yards.

Two-nil looks a convincing score line but the difference between the teams was marginal. On this performance neither team will make any important contribution to the world series next year in Mexico and neither can hope to inspire a mood of despair in a good, well organised hard-working team. For the Hungarians the result was vital. They won and collected two points but on balance it seems to me that Karoly Soos has greater problems than Joszef Marko, his Czech counterpart.

Each has a difficult task in dragging a maximum performance from their key forwards—Albert for Hungary and Adamec for Czechoslovakia—but while the Hungarians were able to field a full strength side the Czechs certainly felt the absence of Hagara and, after five minutes, Dobias. In Prague I would expect the Czechs to earn at least a draw and while the Hungarians have still to play in Dublin, Copenhagen and Prague they are by no means sure to reach Mexico.

But from a personal view, looking objectively at the array of talent on parade at the Nepstadion it is clear that the problems of the modern game are being felt in Eastern Europe just as much as in the West. All over the world there are a lot of good players producing an awful lot of rubbish.

Albert (No. 8) turns away after heading the ball past Czech goalkeeper Vencel for Hungary's second goal in the World Cup Qualifying match, played at the People's Stadium. Hungary won 2-0. (UPI)

Maltese Tours

by ARTHUR J. LEAVER

TWO English clubs, Arsenal and Watford, have just completed a short visit to Malta, where they remained unbeaten in four matches.

Arsenal, who came here first and had a very big welcome as well as large attendances, opened their tour with a big win over Floriana, the league co-runners-up, whom they beat 4-0. In the next match, however, they came up against the Malta league champions, Hibernians, who created a sensation by holding the strong London club to a goalless draw.

Watford fared even better than Arsenal. In their opening match Watford beat Sliema 3-0, whilst in their last match against Valletta, the co-runners-up with Floriana, they won 2-1.

In their first appearance in the UEFA Youth tournament which this year took place in East Germany, the Maltese Youths fared badly, being beaten in the three matches they played, succumbing to no less than 23 goals.

The Malta Youths were drawn in a very tough group and lost to England in their opening match by six goals. Then they fell heavily to East Germany by 10-0 and finally lost their last game by seven goals against Czechoslovakia.

By virtue of their win in the second replay of the semi-final of the FA Trophy when Sliema beat the League Champions 2-0, Sliema have now qualified for the final and wait to see who their opponents will be. This is necessary as there is still a semi-final replay, the second one to be played between Gzira and Hamrun. The FA Trophy Final was scheduled to take place on Sunday, June 8, when Maltese football came to an end.

Darts off to flying start in new league

World Soccer's man in America

COLIN JOSE reports

THE Washington Darts, champions of the American Soccer League last season, are off to a flying start in the new look ASL summer schedule, winning all three of their opening games without conceding a goal.

Playing in the league's Southern Division, the Darts beat the Philadelphia Spartans, newcomers to the ASL this season, 3-0 in the league opener at Temple University Stadium in Philadelphia before a crowd of 4,500.

A week later they hammered the Philadelphia Ukrainian Nationals 4-0 in Washington, and followed this up with a hard fought 1-0 win against the Newark Ukrainian Sitch in Harrison, New Jersey.

Over in the Northern Division of the league the Rochester Lancers show signs of being the team most likely to give Washington a hard fight for the overall championship.

In their opening game they edged Boston 1-0 in Rochester but the following week dropped a point in a drawn game with New York Inter in New York. Against the Syracuse Scorpions, however, they showed their true potential to hammer their near neighbours 4-1.

Currently leading the league's scoring parade is Ivan Paletta of the Philadelphia Ukrainians, whose four goals in a 6-4 win over New York Inter in the third week of play shot him ahead of three other players.

Looking down the list of players signed by American Soccer League clubs this season, one is immediately struck by the great diversity of nationalities concentrated within the eight-team league. In just one club, New York Inter, for example, the players come from 12 different countries.

The New York club is coached by Jose Fabrini and their new general manager is Jim Bukata, formerly the public relations director with the now defunct New York Generals. One of six Americans signed is Pete Millar, the US international who was the ASL's leading goalscorer in the 1961 and 1962 seasons. The other players come from Argentina, Costa Rica, Brazil, Ecuador, Liberia, Italy, Ghana, Peru, Germany, Jamaica and Yugoslavia.

Just across the Hudson from New York the Newark Ukrainian Sitch who, despite the announcement of their coach Walter Chyzowych that he intended to import top notch players from Europe and mainly from the British Isles, do not have one British player in their line-up, continue to be as their title suggests, a primarily Ukrainian club.

Eleven of the team are still citizens of the Ukraine and in addition to this there are two players from Argentina, two from Uruguay and one each from Denmark, Poland and Yugoslavia. The Newark club are playing their home games in Harrison, New Jersey, which is about two miles away across the Passaic River.

Seventy-six miles farther south in Philadelphia, where that city's two teams share the stadium at Temple University, the Ukrainian Nationals, perhaps the best known team in the ASL, have most of last year's regulars returning, including Argentinian-born Ivan Paletta, who played for the Washington Whips in the NASL in 1968. As the season progresses the Ukrainians hope to strengthen their team by signing some more players from South America.

On the other hand the Spartans are attempting to concentrate on American-born players and have the highest number of Americans on their roster. The club's playing strength bears no comparison to the Philadelphia Spartans of National Professional Soccer League of 1967 and is minus name players. In order to strengthen the team two players have been signed from Italy and one each from Northern Ireland, Bolivia and Paraguay.

The Spartans are coached by Walter Bahr, who was at left-half in the United States team which beat England at Belo Horizonte, Brazil, in 1950. Bahr's cross from the left led to the goal which beat England.

Up in the Northern Division the Boston Astros are almost entirely a Brazilian team, with only one American among the 15 players signed to date. Last season the Astros began by playing out of Fall River, Massachusetts but finished the season in Boston.

Coached by John Bertos, the "Beantowners" have Gustavo Garias, the former Flamengo player, in goal, and in midfield Dasio Brito, who is the brother of the well-known Vasco da Gama player and Brazilian international.

Two weeks after the season began the Syracuse Scorpions, the second new club in the league, received a serious setback when their stadium burned down. The Scorpions shared MacArthur Stadium with the Syracuse Chiefs of the International Baseball League (incidentally the International Baseball League consists entirely of teams from the United States) but have now moved their operations to the smaller Griffin Stadium.

The team's playing roster includes two Ghanaian players in Frank Odoi and Gladstone Ofori, both of whom were with the Washington Whips in the NASL last year; Bohdan Lalka, a fine full-back who was a member of the ASL All Star team while with Rochester; Mario Barone, who played for the Toronto Falcons in the NASL; and Bill Harper, who kept goal for Canada in the preliminary rounds of the World Cup last autumn.

Eighty-five miles west of Syracuse along the New York State Thruway stands Rochester, home of the Rochester Lancers. This city is also close to the Canadian border and consequently the

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team has a strong Canadian flavour.

Ralph McPate, Allan Harvey, Bob Di Luca, and Tibor Vigh all played for Canada last year while coach Frank Pike was the trainer of Canada's international team.

The Lancers' playing strength also includes a number of players with experience in the NASL. Giorgio Piotti and Carlos Metidieri played for the Los Angeles Wolves and Metidieri was ninth on the league's scoring list. In his first game for the Lancers he scored twice. Harvey and centre-back Eddie Barker were with the Toronto Falcons, Charlie Williams with the Pittsburgh Phantoms (NPSL), and Tibor Vigh with the Houston Stars.

Goalkeeper Dick Howard started last season with the Detroit Cougars but moved to Rochester when the ASL season got under way; he also has played in Canada.

In the nation's capital the Washington Darts have ten of last year's players returning but have also added the Ghanaian player Nana, who was with the now defunct Washington Whips last season, Billy Fraser with the Boston Beacons in 1968, and Micheal Diego, formerly an amateur with Real Madrid.

ADDITION

The Darts, who are a very go-ahead club, have been strengthened considerably by the addition of Johnny Kerr, a Scottish-born player who is now a naturalised Canadian, and captained the Canadian international team last autumn.

Another signing by the Washington club is that of Christian Gonzalez, a Chilean player who is something of a soccer gipsy. Gonzalez played with the Chilean clubs Palestino, Wanderers, and Magallanes before moving to Mexico, where he appeared with Toluca. At the start of the 1968 season he was with the Chicago Mustangs of the NASL for a brief period. To date he has scored 13 goals for the Darts in three pre-season contests and three league games.

While the players continue to maintain their fine record (they have lost only three of their last 25 games) the club has gained new strength off the field. A group of investors bought controlling interest in the club during the close season with the intention of "building a solid professional franchise for Washington that will grow with the development of professional soccer in this country and assure representation by Washington in major league professional soccer on a permanent basis", according to George M. Ferris, managing partner of a company of investment brokers who is the club's new secretary-treasurer.

Certainly if the Washington Darts have their way the American Soccer League will go from strength to strength, but as always it is a question of how many of the other clubs will follow their excellent example.

AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

1933–34	Kearny Irish
1934–35	Philadelphia Germans
1936	New York Americans
1937	Kearny Scots
1938	Kearny Scots
1939	Kearny Scots
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1941	Kearny Scots
1942	Philadelphia Americans
1943	Brooklyn Hispanos
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1960	Columbo
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1964	Philadelphia Ukrainian Nationals
1965	Hartford SC
1966	Roma SC
1967	Baltimore St Gerard
1968	Philadelphia Ukrainian Nationals
1969	Washington Darts

A glance at just some of the teams who have made up the American Soccer League from time to time gives you some idea of the turmoil and uncertainty of American soccer. Many of the teams who have won the championship have subsequently disappeared while still others have changed their names or merged with other organisations.

In Baltimore, a city which no longer has a representative in the ASL, four teams have been members in the past, the Americans, Rockets, Cantons and St Gerard. Philadelphia, which has two teams at present, used to have the Philadelphia Germans, Americans and Passon.

USA OUT!

THE mighty United States with its population in the region of 230,000,000 has been eliminated from the world's most important sporting event—the World Cup—by the tiny negro republic of Haiti, whose population is approximately 3,500,000.

Three weeks after the US had lost in Port-au-Prince by 2-0, they were shut out once again, this time by 1-0 in San Diego, California.

The man who scored the vital goal for Haiti was Guy St Vil, who ironically was coached last year by the US coach Gordon Jago, as a player with the Baltimore Bays.

Disaster

In any other nation such a defeat would be considered a national disaster, but in the United States where in the words of Jack Murphy, sports editor of the *San Diego Union*, "the popularity of American soccer ranks somewhere between pie eating contests and descending Niagara Falls in a barrel", it passed almost completely unnoticed by press and public alike.

As a result of their success Haiti now advances to the final of the competition for the single place allotted to the CONCACAF region in Mexico. Whether their opponents in the final are Honduras or El Salvador, who Meet on June 8 and 15, they must stand an excellent chance of reaching the last 16.

Wolverhampton Wanderers of the English First Division have won the North American Soccer League's "International Cup" competition. Their major competition came from West Ham United, who came from behind with a late surge after their England internationals Peters, Hurst and Moore joined the team after the British International Championship.

On two particular occasions West Ham emphasised the gap between English and Scottish First Division football when they did the double over Dundee United by scores of 6-1 and 8-2, and while Kilmarnock fared much better against the top two English teams, losing to Wolves 3-2 and 3-0 and beating a weakened West Ham 2-1 (as I write this the return game has yet to be played) they were beaten by the English Second Division team Aston Villa.

As was expected, attendances have been very disappointing and in fact some were so embarrassing that clubs did not announce them. When Spurs played Aston Villa in Atlanta, where there were three crowds over the 20,000 mark last season and soccer appeared to have really gained a foothold, the attendance was less than 4,000. For the visit of Dundee United on May 9 the Atlanta Stadium contained just 2,500 people.

In order to try and create interest in St. Louis, another city where there is a lot of soccer played, the Kilmarnock players who were representing that city were required to give a public demonstration in the downtown area.

For this purpose two blocks of one of the main streets were cordoned off and while the players went through their training routine the St. Louis All Stars coach, Bobby Keill, told passers-by what the Scotsmen were doing, and invited them along to the next game. Result was a crowd of 5,000.

Scheduled

Two games were played on an artificial surface and both featured West Ham. Breaking away from the idea of teams representing cities, Kilmarnock's home game with West Ham was played on the west coast in Seattle, Washington, in order to try out this new turf, and the same thing was done when Dallas were scheduled to play the Hammers, only the site this time was Portland, Oregon. Incidentally, the game in Seattle attracted one of the largest crowds of the tournament, 7,764, of whom a large percentage no doubt came from nearby Vancouver.

After this disastrous venture in terms of promotion the future of the NASL must be darker than ever, and despite the increase in interest at youth levels the professional game in the United States can now be considered farther behind than it was two years ago.

DATELINE DIARY

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EDMONTON: West Bromwich Albion crushed the Edmonton All Stars 12-0 after leading 4-0 at half-time in a friendly here tonight. About 3,400 fans braved the 40 degrees Fahrenheit weather to watch the game. Outside-left Dennis Martin led the goal-spree with a hat-trick, Danny Hegan, Graham Lovett and Bobby Hope each netted two. Dick Krzywicki, Len Cantello and John Kaye added one apiece.

FUNCHAL, Madeira: An 86th-minute goal from Liverpool defender Emlyn Hughes earned England a 1-1 draw with Portugal in their Under-23 international. A crowd of 12,000 saw Praia give Portugal an interval lead.

MAY 29

TORONTO: Fiorentina, the Italian champions, beat Tottenham Hotspur 3-0 here today before a crowd of 20,000. Amarildo put Fiorentina ahead in the first half, Cencetti rammed home the second and Amarildo the third.

OSLO: Second-half goals by half-back Barry Mitchell and full-back Jim Frazer gave Dunfermline a 2-1 victory over an Oslo Combination team here today.

MAY 30

DUNEDIN, New Zealand: Mr. Keith De Maus, liaison officer with the FA party touring New Zealand, died here today after a heart attack. He was 76. Mr. Maus was born in Christchurch, New Zealand, but had lived in England for the last 45 years. His home was in Theydon Bois, Essex.

MAY 31

BELGRADE: Dynamo Zagreb and Hajduk Split drew 3-3 after extra time in the Yugoslav Cup Final today and will meet again in a replay.

LUIGI RIVA. (Cagliari)

DUNEDIN: Coventry City centre-forward Tony Hateley and Millwall skipper Keith Weller both scored hat-tricks as the FA XI crushed Otago-Southland 11-0 at the Caledonian ground here today. Bruce Risch netted twice, Ian Morgan, George Eastham and Ken Knighton each scored once.

NEW YORK: Barcelona beat Juventus 3-2 in an exhibition match before a crowd of 20,157 here today. Rife, Reixach and Bustallo scored for Barcelona; Anastasi (2) for Juventus.

JUNE 1

BUENOS AIRES: Police went into action with tear gas at two Argentine football grounds yesterday to control unruly crowds. At least 22 people were arrested when Boca Juniors supporters invaded the field at the San Lorenzo stadium near the end of a rowdy first division match in which five players were sent off. Police used the tear gas to break up the mob, making arrests both inside and outside the stadium. San Lorenzo won the match 2-1. Three Boca players and two from San Lorenzo were ordered off the field, including Boca's burly Argentine defender Rattin.

MEXICO CITY: England drew 0-0 with Mexico in the Aztec Stadium here today. The result pleased manager Sir Alf Ramsey, as did the way his players adapted themselves to the high-altitude conditions. "It was a very good result," said Sir Alf. "Some of the players found it very difficult. They were very tired."

SYDNEY: Chris Crowe, who came to Australia last month from Bristol City, scored his first goal in the New South Wales Federation Championship today. But Crowe's club, Auburn, was defeated 3-1 by St. George-Budapest.

SAO PAULO: Pelé scored four of Santos's five goals in his club's 5-1 defeat of Botafogo de Ribeirao here last night. Pelé scored another goal but, much to the crowd's disgust, it was disallowed by the referee. Pelé has now scored 968 goals in first-class and international matches.

BULAWAYO: Clyde scored an easy 3-0 win against a national Football League XI in the fifth match of their Rhodesian tour here today. The Scottish club netted three goals in a six-minute scoring spree early in the first half. Scorers: Bill Huston, Sam Hastings and Graham MacFarlane.

KEARNY, New Jersey: Kilmarnock were held to a 1-1 draw here today by the Greek-American club in an exhibition match watched by a crowd of 2,000. Morrison scored for Kilmarnock, equalising an own-goal by Arthur.

GOTHENBURG: Sweden beat Norway 4-2 (3-1) in an international here tonight. Scorers: Eiderstedt (2), Paalsson, Andersson (Sweden); Berg, Nordqvist o.g. (Norway). Attendance: 25,671.

ROTTERDAM: Newcastle United beat Arsenal 2-0 in an all-English final to win the Feijenoord International Youth Tournament here today. Terry Harrison scored both goals in the first half.

JUNE 2

HAMILTON, Bermuda: Southampton beat West Ham United 4-2 in an exhibition match here today. Mick Judd got the first three goals for Southampton and Terry Paine the fourth. Clyde Best scored West Ham's goals.

TORONTO: Tottenham Hotspur beat Glasgow Rangers 4-3 here today. Greaves (3) and Roger Morgan scored for Spurs; Stein (2) and Jan Perrson for Rangers.

WELLINGTON: Tony Hateley scored four goals for the FA XI in a 7-1 victory over a New Zealand eleven here today.

TURIN: Malcolm Allison, coach of Manchester City, today turned down a lucrative offer to coach Juventus.

STAVANGER: Scottish club Dunfermline Athletic were defeated 3-1 by a combination team of the county of Rogaland in a friendly match here in Norway today.

JUNE 3

HAMILTON: An own-goal by Willie Carr cost Coventry City victory against Bermuda's amateur champions, Somerset, here today. Coventry were leading 1-0 through a 16th-minute goal by Trevor Shepherd when Carr's back pass caught goalkeeper Bill Glazier unprepared.

GUADALAJARA: An England XI defeated a Mexico XI 4-0 here today. Alan Clarke (2) and Jeff Astle (2) scored the goals. Alan Mullery was sent off with Perez of Mexico in the closing stages of the match.

ROME: Cagliari have refused a world record offer of 1,300 million lire (about £860,000) from Inter Milan for their Italian international player Luigi Riva, according to press reports here. The reports—in Rome newspapers *Il Messaggero*, *Giornale D'Italia* and the authoritative sports paper *Corriere Dello Sport*—said the offer had been made personally by Inter President Ivanoe Fraizzoli. They said the Sardinian side immediately refused the offer, which was made in cash, for the 24-year-old star, top scorer with 20 goals in the recently ended first division season. The reports added that Signor Fraizzoli was also ready to swap three players for Riva if the cash offer was not acceptable.

JUNE 4

HELSINKI: Yugoslavia beat Finland 5-1 after leading 3-1 at half-time in a group six World Cup qualifying round match here today. Scorers were: Dzajic (14), Bukal (22, 71), Pirix (40), Sprecco (60) for Yugoslavia; Tolsa (20) for Finland.

Northern Ireland inside-forward Willie Irvine throws himself at the ball in a dramatic effort to score in the Home International at Windsor Park against the English. He came near on several occasions but this one, involving England 'keeper Gordon Banks and Brian Labone, went inches wide.

POOR FINISHING TO BE IMPROVED . . .

Irish News by COLIN McALPIN

NORTHERN IRELAND football, both at international and domestic level, moves into what could be its brightest era. On the international front Northern Ireland team manager Billy Bingham gets down to formulating plans to beat the Soviet Union in the World Cup qualifying games later this year and make it to Mexico and at home the much-praised "Wallace Plan" heralds in a new, and it is hoped successful, phase in the development of the game.

Billy Bingham, the ultra-professional boss of the international side, wasn't too despondent at the poor results gained by the side in the recent Home International Championship series. Northern Ireland, while gaining only one point, played much better than the results would suggest. The finishing, he concedes, was poor and will have to be worked on but he was pleased at the way the attack created the chances — "creating chances is always half the battle"—even if they didn't put them to better use.

"I have received thousands of letters from television viewers congratulating the team and myself on the football we produced. We played very well indeed and only some extremely doubtful refereeing decisions—like the disallowed goal against Scotland—kept us from a better-looking record," said Bingham. "I'm happy enough at the class of football we played and particularly some individual performances like those of Eric McMordie and Jimmy Nicholson."

The emphasis placed on the lack of goals in the series is annoying in view of the fact that in the previous three games—including two World Cup games against Turkey—the team scored a round ten: "Prior to the championship people reckoned we had a powerful attack. Now they are crying out because we hit a bad patch. The goals will come again. It's all part of football," added Bingham.

The games in which Northern Ireland were involved looked like film sets for the latest James Bond epic. There were so many Russian "spies" it was funny. But Bingham has not had the opportunity of seeing the Russians in action—something he would like to do before the game at Windsor Park in October. If he doesn't manage to get in a pre-World Cup look at the Russians he isn't too worried for he reckons too much pre-match planning can be as dangerous as too little: "The Russians have a young team at the moment which they are still trying to blend together for the World Cup. They have tried several combinations and even if I did watch them in action the team they turn out against us could be completely different. I'm more concerned about their overall style of play," says Bingham.

Nothing if not methodical the Russians tend to over-plan and Bingham reckons it could be their undoing: "However much they plan they will never be able to overcome individual flair. When you come up against a player like Best how do you plan to contain him?"

But he is realistic enough to concede that they are a formidable side although they are a little worried about meeting us —now that we have a two-game start on them—at Windsor Park. "I'm optimistic about our chances," concluded Bingham, "especially in Belfast. We want the crowd behind us. I'm building up a club atmosphere in the Irish camp — although it has always been there—and the recent series helped because I could get all the men I wanted together at one time."

So Northern Ireland, with what is generally regarded as its best side ever, moves towards its vital encounters against the Russians. I said some time ago, after a visit to Russia, that they seem to know more about us than we do about them. I still think this is the case. Bingham and his boys must sort out their forward problems before the games if they hope to be making the trip to the sunshine next year.

On the domestic front it has taken the courage of one man, Linfield secretary Harry Wallace, to change the entire Irish League fixture list. From next season onwards the "Wallace Plan"—which calls for brighter soccer—goes into action with a new-look City Cup, the League Championship ending the season, no Top Four competition and no games on Christmas Day. The fans are eager to sample the bright new approach and the clubs are throwing all their support behind the ideas.

Harry's plan sees the season start on August 9 with the Ulster Cup played, as before, on the 11-match league basis. Then comes the knock-out Gold Cup in mid-week followed by the City Cup which will now be run on the two-section idea with the winners meeting in a final. Then the League Championship, followed by the County Antrim Shield and an end to the season on April 25.

"It's not a rigid plan," says Harry, who formulated it during a couple of weekends' office work, "and if it has any flaws we can always re-think it. All I ask for the moment is that the clubs give it a fair chance. You can't say a thing won't work until you try it."

Certainly his ideas are much needed. For the past couple of seasons the Irish League has been struggling for support, especially during the latter weeks of the term when the uninteresting City Cup follows the drama of the Championship. So unimportant do managers consider the City Cup that they use it to give their youngsters a chance of senior football (and one boss even turned out his entire reserve side in a City Cup match). "Gates" have been falling in recent seasons and many point to the City Cup as the cause. Harry Wallace's plan gives the Irish League a chance to start afresh in August—it deserves to succeed.

Coleraine player-manager Bertie Peacock ended 25 golden years in football when he played his last game in the second leg of the Blaxnit Cup Final in Dublin recently against holders Shamrock Rovers. He will now concentrate solely on management.

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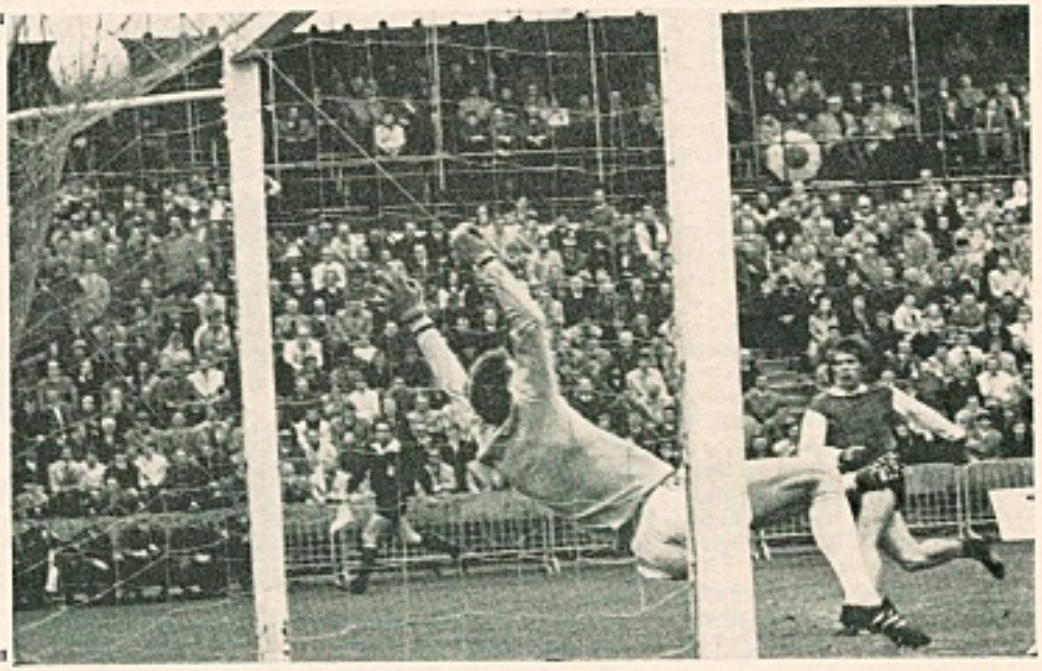

Holland's leading goalscorer Dick Van Dyk watches his header go over the bar but his club FC Twente still beat Holland Sport 2-0. (UPI)

AUSTRIA

WITH coach Ernst Ocwirk certain to go at the end of the season his club FK Austria are poised for another championship. Beaten only once in 24 league games FK Austria lead their closest challengers Wiener Sportklub by five points with four games left. Their final match is against champions SC Rapid who recently beat them 1-0 in an FA Cup semi-final but Rapid are only in third place six points away and unlikely even to press the leaders. Ocwirk's most likely destination is Italy where his old club Sampdoria have been waiting only for the recently removed foreign coaches ban to be lifted.

Meanwhile, SC Rapid have settled their internal dispute over the proposed engagement of Karl Rappan as "fussball diktator". Taking over from Rudolf Vytlacil in July, Rappan rejoins his old club for whom he played in the thirties with a plan to modernise and professionalise. Vytlacil who received several offers from Greece and was at one time thought to be bound for Athens, has resolved to return home to Czechoslovakia where Sparta Prague are apparently eager to engage him.

The special bonus introduced at the half-way mark for the highest scoring teams each week has brought several high scoring games. FK Austria recently hit eight in one match, most of their goals being notched by coloured centre-forward Kogelberger who was engaged last year from Linz ASK. So far he has hit 25 goals, six more than Rapid's Danish star Bjerregard.

After all the reports of disunity amongst the Rapid players, harmony appears to have been restored and the 1-0 win over FK Austria in the Cup semi-final gives the club a chance of another European season in 1969-70. Their final opponents will be Wiener Sportklub who beat Wattens 2-0.

For all the big three—FK Austria, SC Rapid and Wiener Sportklub—the European competitions are a must. Austria and Sportklub both have overdrafts and plagued by poor attendances the finances of the Austrian game have caused concern for years.

FRANCE

FOR once the 100,000 capacity stadium planned to be built in Paris for many years would have proved useful for the demand for Cup Final tickets this season exceeded the supply. Fans of Olympique Marseille and Girondins Bordeaux packed into the Colombes stadium in Paris for a match in which Bordeaux were firm favourites. Seven minutes from time with the score sheet blank, Marseille centre-forward Joseph hit his first goal after Swedish right-winger Roger Magnusson had bemused the Bordeaux defence. Two minutes from the end Joseph added a second to confirm Marseille's success and ensure their first appearance in one of the major European tournaments.

For Bordeaux this match was a disaster for last season they were runners-up in both Cup and League, behind Saint Etienne. Beaten finalists once more they seemed destined to be league runners-up again . . . behind Saint Etienne.

The day before the final, Saint Etienne gained two vital points at Metz which was regarded as a particularly difficult match for the champions. Early in the second-half a tremendous shot from 30 yards gave left-winger Beretta the vital goal and boosted the Saints' lead over Bordeaux to five points. Rouen in third place are 14 points behind the leaders and Bordeaux who have a game in hand, could conceivably make up the leeway though this appears unlikely.

After months of discussion another new plan has been agreed. Two top divisions, One and Two will each have 18 clubs (instead of 18 and 20 as now) and each club can engage three foreigners. New restrictions for Division II applicants include a minimum of seven professional players, a minimum ground capacity of 10,000 and average attendances for the past year of not less than 4,000. This is to guard against clubs which in the past have been forced to fold up in mid-season. The latest casualty is RC Lens, formerly a Division One team but now in the second class. In mid-table their gates this season have averaged less than 1,000 per game.

ITALY

FOR several seasons past Fiorentina have been producing a better standard of football than most of their defence-minded rivals and finally they have gained their reward. Edging clear of their major challengers AC Milan and US Cagliari in the final weeks, Fiorentina clinched their claim to the *scudetto* when they won 2-0 away to Juventus in Turin.

The following week Florence was in a festive mood and a capacity crowd of 55,000 watched the 3-1 win over Varese and Fiorentina's final tally—won 16, drawn 13, lost 1 (at Bologna in mid-season) gave the club a four-point lead over the field.

Fiorentina's success coincides with their economy campaign and will no doubt be used as a model for other clubs. Reducing their playing staff to 18 full-time pros, they have gained the second ever title and made money. Bonuses of £5,000 to each player and the customary double-bonus for coach Bruno Pesaola still leave the club with a healthy balance.

In the scorers' race Cagliari's left-winger Luigi Riva ended the campaign with 20 goals to his credit, six more than his closest rivals Prati (Milan) Anastasi (Juventus) and Bui (Verona) who share second place. Pisa, after only a brief spell in Serie A, finally lost their fight against relegation and are accompanied into Serie B by Atalanta (Bergamo). With the Serie B campaign still to reach its climax, Lazio (Rome) and Brescia, relegated a year ago, are the favourites. At the bottom of the Serie B table are Spal and Padova, both in Serie A not long ago and now apparently doomed

to make the long drop into the Third Division.

Early in May the Italians' Players Union made plans for a strike which was called off when the FA invited their representatives for talks in Rome. The biggest complaint was a clause in the officially approved contract which gave the player a guarantee of at least 40 per cent of the contract figure if he played in half the league matches. This clause has still to be discussed fully but the minimum salary regardless of age for a full time pro has been fixed at £1,600 per annum.

HOLLAND

BEATEN finalists in the European Cup, Ajax Amsterdam threw away their last championship chance when they were surprisingly beaten 2-1 at home by PSV Eindhoven. With coach Rinus Michels away watching AC Milan, Cruyff & Co put up a lethargic display and the Phillips squad were good value for their win. After the match the dismay of the players must have been trebled when they heard the other results for both Feijenoord (1-0) at The Hague against Holland Sport and FC Twente (4-2) away to Telstar had also lost. With only two games left Feijenoord are virtually assured of the championship. Three points ahead of Ajax, who in turn lead FC Twente by another three.

Two of the old established semi-pro clubs who played a leading part in forcing the acceptance of paid-players were Fortuna and DOS Fortuna 54 as they were known when they led the revolt against the FA from Geleen, amalgamated with Sittardia some time ago but the new combination is now bottom of the table and doomed to relegation. DOS Utrecht still have a fighting chance of avoiding the drop and MVV have pulled clear since reinforcing their attack with the Czech international centre-forward Ivan Mraz (from Sparta Prague).

In the goalscorers' race, Dick Van Dyk (FC Twente) leads the field with 30 goals followed by Ove Kindvall (Feijenoord) with 28 and Johan Cruyff (Ajax) who has 26. At the end of the season Kindvall intends to return home to Sweden and Cruyff appears eager to join one of the free-spending clubs—according to rumour—perhaps in South America.

Former Austrian international back Ernst Happel recently resigned his long-term job as coach of ADO The Hague. From July 1 he will take over the champions Feijenoord in Rotterdam. His successor in The Hague will be Vaclav Jezek until the end of the season boss of Sparta Prague.

WEST GERMANY

AFTER leading the way throughout the Bundesliga programme, FC Bayern Munchen have clinched their championship claims and are Deutcher Meister for the second time in their history. Their first success, registered 37 years ago, had been all but forgotten and they owe their Bundesliga title almost entirely to centre-forward Gerdi Muller.

Ironically, Bayern's title was confirmed after their 2-0 defeat away to relegation-threatened FC Nurnberg who won the championship last year. Since Max Merkel quit as Nurnberg boss the squad has picked up points steadily and with two games left now have a fighting chance of survival.

Brank Zebec, the former Yugoslav (and FIFA 1953) left-winger coach of Bayern celebrated his 40th birthday in Nurnberg, where two goals from left-winger George Volkert gave the home side the points. But the same day all Bayern's rivals were beaten, closest challengers Hamburg SV going down 3-1 at home to Schalke 04 and this put Bayern beyond the reach of anyone.

In the FA Cup, Schalke 04 won their semi-final replay with 1st FC Kaiserslautern by 3-1 and now meet champions Bayern Munchen in the final. Bayern, poised for a double, are clearly the outstanding team in the Bundesliga but vastly improved Schalke can be expected to give a good account of themselves and unless Bayern are at their best, they could run out winners.

The Kaiserslautern-Eintracht Frankfurt *relegation-spiel* almost ended in a riot when the referee blew for time ten minutes early with the visitors leading 2-1. After discussion with the linesmen, a further ten minutes was played during which time Kaiserslautern inside-left Friedrich snatched his second goal to earn the home side a point.

An unusual situation arose in Munich where 1860 lost 1-0 at home to Hertha. 1860's international back Bernd Patzke is something of a penalty expert but declined to take a spot kick against his old club. 1860's Yugoslav goalkeeper Petar Radenkovic finally took it—a poor shot saved by Austrian international Gernot Fraydl.

Swedish star Roger Magnusson takes on Bordeaux full-back Chorda during the French Cup Final. Under-dogs Marseille took the trophy, 2-0. (UPI)

MEXICO

BEFORE the ill-fated European tour undertaken by the national squad, selector-coach Ignacio "Nacho" Trelles was suspended by the FA for two matches. During the Toluca-Universidad game, Trelles' winger Reynoso was sent-off but refused to go and after the match a few words were exchanged between "Nacho" and the referee who was himself suspended for three months.

In Europe the national squad met one disaster after another, managing a goalless draw with Spain thanks very largely to a fine performance from goalkeeper Ignacio Calderon and winning 2-0 against Norway. By the time the squad gained their only success in Oslo the whole of Mexico was at flash-point, for early in the tour the Mexicans gave Luxembourg a 2-1 win which was in fact the home side's first success of any kind for five years.

Arriving back in Mexico City, FA officials sneaked away from the airport via the gods entrance, leaving Trelles and the players to face the wrath of a large crowd. Trelles was the major target of the critics and within 48 hours, following an emergency FA meeting, he was dismissed and replaced by Raul Cardenas.

SOCCERTISTICS

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WORLD CUP LATEST

GROUP ONE

Switzerland 1, Greece 0
Portugal 3, Rumania 0
Rumania 2, Switzerland 0
Greece 4, Portugal 2
Portugal 0, Switzerland 2
Greece 2, Rumania 2
Switzerland 0, Rumania 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Rumania ...	4	2	1	5	5	5
Switzerland ..	4	2	2	3	3	4
Greece	3	1	1	6	5	3
Portugal ...	3	1	2	5	6	2

GROUP TWO

Denmark 0, Czechoslovakia 3
Czechoslovakia 1, Denmark 0
Eire 1, Czechoslovakia 2
Denmark 2, Eire 0
Hungary 2, Czechoslovakia 0
Eire 1, Hungary 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Czecho'vakia	4	3	1	6	3	6
Hungary ...	2	2	0	4	1	4
Denmark ...	3	1	2	2	4	2
Eire	3	0	3	2	6	0

GROUP THREE

Wales 0, Italy 1
East Germany 2, Italy 2
East Germany 2, Wales 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	2	1	0	3	2	3
E. Germany	2	1	0	4	3	3
Wales	2	0	1	1	3	0

GROUP FOUR

Northern Ireland 4, Turkey 1
Turkey 0, Northern Ireland 3

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
N. Ireland...	2	2	0	7	1	4
USSR	0	0	0	0	0	4
Turkey	2	0	2	1	7	0

GROUP FIVE

Sweden 5, Norway 0
France 0, Norway 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden	1	1	0	5	0	2
Norway ...	2	1	1	1	5	2
France	1	0	1	0	1	0

GROUP SIX

Finland 1, Belgium 2
Yugoslavia 9, Finland 1
Belgium 6, Finland 1
Belgium 3, Yugoslavia 0
Yugoslavia 0, Spain 0
Spain 1, Belgium 1
Belgium 2, Spain 1
Spain 2, Yugoslavia 1
Finland 1, Yugoslavia 5

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium ...	5	4	0	14	4	9
Yugoslavia...	5	2	2	15	7	5
Spain	4	1	1	4	4	4
Finland	4	0	4	4	22	0

GROUP SEVEN

Austria 7, Cyprus 1
Austria 0, West Germany 2
Cyprus 0, West Germany 1
Scotland 2, Austria 1
Cyprus 0, Scotland 5
Scotland 1, West Germany 1
Cyprus 1, Austria 2
West Germany 1, Austria 0
Scotland 8, Cyprus 0
West Germany 12, Cyprus 0

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
W. Germany	5	4	0	17	1	9
Scotland ...	4	3	0	16	2	7
Austria	5	2	3	9	7	4
Cyprus	6	0	6	2	35	0

GROUP EIGHT

Holland 2, Luxembourg 0
Bulgaria 2, Holland 0
Holland 4, Luxembourg 0
Poland 8, Luxembourg 1
Bulgaria 2, Luxembourg 1
Holland 1, Poland 0

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Holland ...	4	3	1	7	2	6
Bulgaria ...	2	2	0	4	1	4
Poland	2	1	1	8	2	2
Luxembourg	4	0	4	2	16	0

No matches yet played in the South American Groups (Ten, Eleven, Twelve).

GROUP THIRTEEN (A)

Costa Rica 3, Jamaica 0
Jamaica 1, Costa Rica 3
Honduras 3, Jamaica 1
Jamaica 0, Honduras 2
Honduras 1, Costa Rica 0
Costa Rica 1, Honduras 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Honduras ...	**4**	**3**	**0**	**7**	**2**	**7**
Costa Rica ..	4	2	1	7	3	5
Jamaica	4	0	2	2	11	0

GROUP THIRTEEN (B)

Guatemala 4, Trinidad 0
Trinidad 0, Guatemala 0
Trinidad 0, Haiti 4
Haiti 2, Trinidad 4
Haiti 2, Guatemala 0
Guatemala 1, Haiti 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Haiti	**4**	**3**	**1**	**9**	**5**	**6**
Guatemala...	4	1	1	5	3	4
Trinidad ...	4	1	1	4	10	3

GROUP THIRTEEN (C)

Surinam 6, Neth. Antilles 0
El Salvador 6, Surinam 0
Neth. Antilles 2, Surinam 0
El Salvador 1, Neth. Antilles 0
Neth. Antilles 1, El Salvador 2
Surinam 4, El Salvador 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
El Salvador	**4**	**3**	**1**	**10**	**5**	**6**
Surinam ...	4	2	2	10	9	4
N. Antilles...	4	1	3	3	9	2

GROUP THIRTEEN (D)

Canada 4, Bermuda 0
Canada 4, USA 2
Bermuda 0, Canada 0
USA 1, Canada 0
USA 6, Bermuda 2
Bermuda 0, USA 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
USA	**4**	**3**	**1**	**11**	**6**	**6**
Canada	4	2	1	8	3	5
Bermuda ...	4	0	0	2	12	1

GROUP THIRTEEN (E)

Haiti 2, USA 0
USA 0, Haiti 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Haiti	**2**	**2**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**4**
USA	2	0	2	0	3	0

GROUP SIXTEEN (A)

Algeria 1, Tunisia 2
Tunisia 0, Algeria 0

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Tunisia	**2**	**1**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**2**
Algeria	2	0	1	1	2	0

GROUP SIXTEEN (B)

Morocco 1, Senegal 0
Senegal 2, Morocco 1
Play-off:
Morocco 2, Senegal 0

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Morocco ...	2	1	0	2	2	2
Senegal	2	1	0	2	2	2

Morocco 0, Tunisia 0
Tunisia 0, Morocco 0

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Morocco ...	2	0	0	0	0	2
Tunisia	2	0	0	0	0	2

Charlie Hurley of Eire clears the ball from a Czechoslovakian attack during a World Cup match. (UPI)

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GROUP SIXTEEN (C)

Libya 0, Ethiopia 2
Ethiopia 5, Libya 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Ethiopia ...	2	2	0	7	1	4
Libya	2	0	2	1	7	0

GROUP SIXTEEN (D)

Zambia 4, Sudan 2
Sudan 4, Zambia 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Sudan	**2**	**1**	**1**	**6**	**6**	**2**
Zambia	2	1	1	6	6	2

(Sudan qualified, having scored more goals in the second leg.)

GROUP SIXTEEN (E)

Nigeria 1, Cameroons 1
Cameroons 2, Nigeria 3

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Nigeria	**2**	**1**	**0**	**4**	**3**	**3**
Cameroons...	2	0	1	3	4	1

GROUP SIXTEEN (F)

Nigeria 2, Ghana 1
Ghana 1, Nigeria 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Nigeria	2	1	0	3	2	3
Ghana	2	0	1	2	3	1

GROUP SIXTEEN (G)

Ethiopia 1, Sudan 1
Sudan 3, Ethiopia 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Sudan	2	1	0	4	2	3
Ethiopia ...	2	0	1	2	4	1

SOUTH AMERICAN CUP

MARCH 31

Penarol (0) 1 (Onega) 45,000
Olimpia (0) 1 (Cibils)

Penarol: Mazurkiewicz; Figueroa, Varela; Goncalves, Matosas, Forlan; Onega, Viera, Silva, Cortes, Joya.

Olimpia: Gimenez (A.); Molina, Benitez; Rojas, Laterza, Achucarro; Paniagua, Sanguinetti (Cibils), Gomez, Godoy, Gimenez (L.).

APRIL 7

Olimpia (0) 0
Penarol (1) 1 (Onega)

Olimpia: Gimenez (A.); Molina, Benitez; Rojas, Laterza, Achucarro; Paniagua, Sanguinetti, Gomez, Godoy, Cibils.

Penarol: Mazurkiewicz; Figueroa, Caetano; Viera, Matosas, Forlan; Onega, Cortes, Spencer, Rocha, Joya.

APRIL 13

Nacional (1) 2 (Morales, Celio)
Deportivo Cali (0) 0 45,000

Nacional: Manga; Ramos, Mujica; Blanco, Anchetta, Alvarez; Manelli, Cubilla, Maneiro, Prieto, Morales.

Cali: Ayala; Agudelo, Munoz; Hincapie, Bautista, Lopez; Gallegos, Samboni, Loayza, Desiderio, Iroldo.

APRIL 18

Cerro Porteno (0) 0
Universidad Catolica (0) 0

Cerro: Villanueva; Santamaria, Escobar; Mendoza, Enciso, Colman; Sosa, Arrua, Mora, Miranda, Irala.

Universidad: Vallejos; Barrientos, Diaz (D.); Sarnari, Laube, Adriazola; Messen (Tobar), Isella, Diaz (A.), Varas, Fouilloux.

(April 15): Deportivo Italia 3 (Adair, Alves 2) Universidad Catolica 2 (Sarnari, A. Diaz).

(April 16): Valparaiso Wanderers (0) 3 (Hoffman, Ferrero, Lopez o.g.) Deportivo Cali 3 (Lallana, Iroldo 2).

(Semi-finals)

APRIL 26
(first-leg)

Nacional (2) 2 (Maneiro, Mujica)
Penarol (0) 0

Nacional: Manga; Ubinas, Mujica; Prieto, Anchetta, Alvarez; Cubilla, Montero Castillo, Celio, Maneiro, Morales.

Penarol: Mazurkiewicz; Forlan, Caetano; Viera, Figueroa, Varela; Onega, Rocha, Spencer, Cortez, Joya.

MAY 1
(second-leg)

Penarol (1) 1 (Spencer)
Nacional (0) 0

Penarol: Mazurkiewicz; Forlan, Caetano; Goncalves, Perez, Matosas; Onega, Rocha, Spencer, Viera, Joya.

Nacional: Manga; Mujica; Montero Castillo, Anchetta, Alvarez; Cubilla, Celio, Maneiro, Prieto, Morales.

MAY 4
(play-off)

Nacional (0) 0 (after extra-time;
Penarol (0) 0 70,000
Nacional won 2–1 on aggregate)

Nacional: Manga; Ubinas, Mujica; Montero Castillo, Anchetta, Alvarez; Cubilla, Celio, Maneiro, Prieto, Morales.

Penarol: Mazurkiewicz; Forlan, Caetano; Goncalves, Perez, Matosas; Onega, Rocha, Spencer, Viera, Joya.

MAY 1
(first-leg)

Universidad Catolica (1) 1 (Sarnari) 60,000
Estudiantes (2) 3 (Conigliaro, Rudzki, Togneri)

Universidad: Vallejos; Barrientos, Diaz (D.); Barrales, Laube, Adriazola; Messen, Isella (A. Diaz), Varas, Sarnari, Fouilloux.

Estudiantes: Errea; Togneri, Malbernat; Bilardo, Aguirre Suarez, Madero; Flores, Pachame, Conigliaro, Rudzki, Veron.

MAY 7
(second-leg)

Estudiantes (3) 3 (Veron, Flores, Togneri)
Universidad Catolica (1) 1 (Nessen)

Estudiantes: Poletti; Togneri, Malbernat; Bilardo, Aguirre Suarez, Madero; Flores, Rudzki, Conigliaro, Pachame, Veron.

Universidad Catolica: Vallejos; Barrientos, Diaz (D.); Barrales, Adriazola, Laube; Varas, Sarnari, Messen (A. Diaz), Delem, Fouilloux.

(Nacional meet Estudiantes in final.)

SOUTH AMERCAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Second Round Groups (quarter-finals) (Group winners in semi-finals with holders, Estudiantes)

Group 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P.
Univer. Catolica .	4	2	1	1	7	3	5
Cerro Porteno ...	4	1	2	1	1	1	4
Deportivo Italia .	4	1	1	2	3	7	4

Group 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P.
Nacional	4	3	1	0	10	2	7
Deportivo Cali ...	4	1	1	2	9	11	3
Valparaiso W. ...	4	0	2	2	5	11	2

Group 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P.
Penarol	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Olimpia	2	0	1	1	1	2	1

CENTRAL AMERICA CLUB CHAMPIONS CUP

(April 26): Sapeissa (Costa Rica) 4 Motagua (Honduras) 0.

SUPERCUP (America Zone)
(for former World Championship winners)

APRIL 16

Racing Club (1) 2 (Machado de Silva 2)
Santos (0) 3 (Toninho 2, Negreiros)

Racing: Cejas; Cardoso, Chabay; Cominelli, Perfumo, Basile; Cardenas, Rulli, Machado da Silva, Adorno, Salomone.

Santos: Claudio; Carlos Alberto, Rildo; Clodoaldo, Ramos Delgado, Joel; Douglas, Negreiros, Toninho, Manoel Maria, Edu.

APRIL 19

Penarol 3
Santos 0

Penarol: Mazurkiewicz; Forland, Caetano; Viera, Figueroa, Matosas (Varela); Onega, Rocha, Spencer, Silva (Cortes), Joya.

Portugal attack during their match against Switzerland but they still suffered a shock 2–0 defeat.

Santos: Claudio; Carlos Alberto, Rildo; Clodoaldo (Mengalvio), Ramos Delgado, Joel; Douglas, Negreiros (Marcial), Toninho, Manoel Maria, Edu.

CLUB INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLIES

MARCH 12

Flamengo (Brazil) (0) 2
Racing Club (Argentina) (2) 3

Flamengo: Marcos Aurelio; Murillo, Onca; Reyes, Manicera, Paulo Enrique; Liminha, Rodriguez Netto, Dionisio, Daniel (Garrincha), Airson.

Racing Club: Cejas; Cardoso, Chabay; Aguirre, Perfumo, Basile (Wilff); Cardenas, Adorno, Machado da Silva, Lamelza, Diaz.

Gimnasia Y Esgrima De La Plata (Argentina) (3) 3 (Onis, Castiglia, Diz)
Cerro (Uruguay) (0) 0

Gimnasia: Gatti (Minoian); Bordon, Grispo; Zwyca, Maglioto, Nemina (Salva); Onis (Loyacono), Palma, Diz, Pignani, Castiglia.

Cerro: Almeida (Maidana); Benitez, Gomez Lugo; Sierra, Dalmao, Cabral; Del Rio, Martirena, Santin (Viera), Bareno, Martinez (Romero).

MARCH 13

Godoy Cruz (Argentina) (1) 3 (Santilli, Plinio o.g., Oliva)
Guarani (Brazil) (0) 0

Godoy Cruz: Fariz; Forti, Santamaria; Santilli, Pereyra, Trentino; Johnston, Leon, Roldan, Schanz (Oliva), Lendoero.

Guarani: Plinio; Sergio, Selmar; Caldinho, Danubio, Vilmar; Luis Carlos, Walter, Abilio, Machado, Saul.

MARCH 19

Nacional (2) 2 (Garcia 2)
Belgrano De Cordoba (Argentina) (1) 1 (Reinaldi)

Nacional: Manga; Blanco, Brunel; Saravia, Anchetta, Ramos; Cubilla, Manelli, Garcia, Silveira, Morales.

Belgrano: Pereira; Pavon, Garay; Cornejo, Cuellar, Lopez; Munoz, Guzman, Sosa (Peralta), Syvyguil, Reinaldi.

(Mar. 27): Godoy Cuz 3 (Mandon 2, Pardo) Universidad De Chile 0.

● Continued overleaf

Wim Hanegem cracks the ball in to give Feijenoord a 1–0 win over Volendam in the Dutch First Division. Players left to right are Schokker (Volendam), Hanegem, Jonk (Volendam), Israel and Blat Volendam). (UPI)

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(Apr. 3): Jahn Regensburg (1) 2 Austria National Team (0) 0. TSV 1860 Munchen 2 Feijenoord 5.

APRIL 3

France (3) 5 (Loubet, Bras, Revelli 3) 15,000
Real Madrid (1) 3 (Bueno 2, Gento)

France: Chaucau; Djorkaeff, Rostagni; Michel (Camerini), Novi, Lemerre; Loubet, Revelli, Horlaville, Broissard, Bras.

Real Madrid: Betancort; Calpe, Sanchis; Pirri, De Felipe, Zoco; Bueno, Grosso, Amancio, Velasquez (Zunzunegui), Gento.

(Apr. 4): Fenerbahce Istanbul 2 Rumania National XI 1. FC Porto 1 MSV Duisberg 1. USA National Team 1 California All-Stars 2 (in Los Angeles). Rapid Vienna 2 TSV 1860 Munchen 0.

APRIL 4

Kickers Offenbach (0) 0 5,000
FC Biel (1) 2 (Peters, Renfer I.)

Kickers: Volz; Heidkamp, Weilbacher; Oehlenschlager, Novak, Resenberg; Koch, Schmitt, Kondert (Fern), Koulmann, Becker (Schonberger).

FC Biel: Tschannen; Walki, Matter; Silvant, Quattropani, Knuchel; Bai, Peters, Renfer I, Zapico, Serment.

Borussia Dortmund (3) 4 (Emmerich 2, Erler 2) 7,000
Young Boys (Berne) (0) 2 (Heer, Muller)

Dortmund: Wessel; Wosab (Beckfeld), Peehs (Redder); Kurrat, Paul (Groppe), Brakelmann; Erler, Trimhold (Weist), Held, Sturm, Emmerich.

Young Boys: Eichenberger; Meier (Hug), Widmer; Marti, Messerli, Baumgartner; Heer, Allemann (Grosser), Muller, Brulls, Kvicinsky.

Lausanne (0) 2 (Vuilleumier, Kerkhoffs) 8,500
Inter-Milan (0) 0

Lausanne: Schneider (Anderwegg); Chapuisat, Hertig; Durr, Tacchella, Lala; Zappella, Bosson, Vuilleumier, Hertig, Kerkhoffs.

Inter-Milan: Miniussi (Giardini); Burgnich, Facchetti; Bedin, Landini, Suarez (Cella); Jair (Salvanini), Mazzola, Domenghini (Vastola), Bertini, Corso.

APRIL 6

Internacional de Port Alegre (Brazil) (1) 2 (Claudio Miro, Braulio)
Benfica (0) 1 (Eusebio

Internacional: Gainete; Lauricio, Toar; Sadi, Scala, Pontes; Claudio Miro, Valdomiro, Dorinho, Braulio, Gilson Poeto.

Benfica: Henrique; Adolfo, Zeca; Cruz, Coelho, Praia; Jose Augusto, Eusebio, Torres, Toni, Simoes.

(Apr. 9): Gremio de Port Alegre (Brazil) 2 Benfica 1. Port Alegre Select (0) 0 Hungarian Select (1) 2 (Dunai, Farkas). Israel (1) 2 Italy Under-23 (0) 0. East Germany (1) 5 Frem Copenhagen (0) 0. Celta Vigo 1 Anderlecht 1.

APRIL 10

Palmeiras (0) 0
Boca Juniors (2) 2 (Coch, Pianetti)

Palmeiras: Chicao; Eurico, Zeeca; Dudu, Baldochi, Nelson; Artime, Jamie, De Guia (A.), Copeu, Serginho.

Boca: Roma; Sune, Marzolini; Rattin, Melendez, Rogel; Coch, Medina, Rojas, Nicolau, Pianetti.

APRIL 12

Kilmarnock (1) 1 (Queen)
Eintracht Frankfurt (0) 1 (Nickel)

Kilmarnock: McLaughlan; King, Dickson; Gilmour, McGrory, Beattie; McLean (T.), Queen, Morrison, McLean (J.), McIlroy.

Eintracht: Kunter; Wirth, Lutz; Huberts, Schamer, Kalb; Jusufi, Grabowski, Bellut, Holzenbein, Nickel.

(Apr. 12): Twente Enschede 1 VfB Stuttgart 0. Mozambique Select 2 MSV Duisberg 2. Poland 3 Ruch Chorzow 0.

(Apr. 13): Internacional de Port Alegre 4 Penarol 0. Gremio (Port Alegre) 1 Hungarian Select 0. Mozambique Provincial XI 2 MSV Duisberg 2.

APRIL 14

Hearts of Midlothian (1) 1 (Winchester) 10,500
Eintracht Frankfurt (0) 1 (Kraus)

Hearts: Cruickshank; Clunie, McAlpine; MacDonald, Anderson, Thomson; Jensen, Moller, Winchester, Townsend, Traynor.

Eintracht: Tilkowski; Jusufi, Lindner; Huberts, Schamer, Kalb; Lutz, Grabowski, Abbe, Nickel, Kraus.

(Apr. 23): Huddersfield Town 3 Phonix Lubeck 0. Lorient 1 Rapid Vienna 0.

CLASSIFIED RESULTS

MARCH 26

Holland (2) 4 (Cruyff, Van Dyk, Pahlplatz 2) 45,000
Luxembourg (0) 0

Holland: Van Beveren; Suurbier, Van Duivenbode; Groot, Israel, Eykenbroeck; Pahlplatz, Van Dyk, Cruyff, Jansen, Rensenbrink.

Luxembourg: Hoffmann (R.); Konter, Hoffmann (J.); Hoffmann (N.), Jeitz, Lexinski; Klein, Schmitt, Philipp, Pilot, Dublin.

APRIL 29

French XI (0) 1 (Michel) 18,000
Rumania (0) 0

France: Chaveau; Djorkaeff, Rostagni; Michel, Novi, Lemerre; Loubet, Revelli, Horlaville (Bereta), Broisard, Bras.

Rumania: Raducanu; Lupescu, Deleanu; Ghergeli (Nunweiller VI), Halmageanu, Dan Coe; Nasturescu, Dembrovski, Dimitrache, Dinu, Lucescu.

APRIL 30

Spain (2) 2 (Bustillo, Amancio)
Yugoslavia (0) 1 (Pavlovic) 30,000

Spain: Sadurni; Martin, Videgany; Zabalza, Glaria, Tomono; Amancio, Fuste (Bustillo), Velasquez, Grosso, Rexach.

Yugoslavia: Curkovic; Bajic, Pavlovic; Holcer, Grecanin, Paunovic; Bjekovic (Katic), Trivic, Acimovic, Osim (Pirk), Dzajic.

Turkey (0) 1 (Ercan) 50,000
Poland (2) 3 (Lubanski, Willim 2)

Turkey: Ali; Suecrue, Ergun; Yilmas, Ercan, Muzaffer (Camuran); Vedat, Mesut, Osman, Turan, Ercer.

Poland: Brol; Anczok, Musical; Dejna, Szatkowski, Winkler; Smijewski (Kozerski), Stachula, Lubanski, Blaut, Willim.

MAY 1

Sweden (1) 1 (Kindvall) 20,000
Mexico (0) 0

Sweden: Larsson (S. G.); Selander, Karlsson; Svensson, Kristensson, Nordquist; Eriksson, Ejderstedt, Kindvall, Larsson (B.), Johansson.

Mexico: Calderon; Vantolra, Nunez; Diaz, Perez, Pena; Morales, Fragoso, Borja, Gonzalez, Pereda.

MAY 4

Portugal (0) 2 (Eusebio, Peres) 25,000
Greece (0) 2 (Bottinso, Efetheakis)

Portugal: Damas; Conceicao, Carrico; Jacinto (Manuel Antonio), Manuel Pinto, Joaquim Jorge; Custodio Pinto, Rolando, Eusebio, Peres, Jacinto Joao (Figueireido).

Greece: Ikonomopoulos; Gaitatzis, Kremidas; Efetheakis, Intzoglou (Dedes), Ballopoulos; Papaioannou, Koudas (Bottinos), Sideris, Domasos, Chaitas.

MAY 6

Denmark (2) 3 (Sorensen, Ole Madsen, Bent Jensen) 40,000
Mexico (1) 1 (Fragoso)

Denmark: Engedahl; Jan Larsen, Torben Nielsen; Sorensen; Munk Jensen, Sandvad; Bent Jensen, Ole Madsen, Sten-Romer, Larsen, Andersen, Lefevre.

Mexico: Calderon; Vantolra, Perez; Polido, Pena, Nunez; Morales, Fragoso (Pereda), Gimeroz, Munguia, Padilla.

MAY 7

Holland (0) 1 (Roggeveen)
Poland (0) 0 45,000

Holland: Van Beveren; Suurbier, Van Duivenbode; Pronk, Israel, Eykenbroeck; Pahlpatz, Van Dyk, Van Hanegem (Roggeveen), Rijnders (Jansen), Resenbrink.

Poland: Kostka; Anczok, Latocha; Wilczek, Winkler, Szakkowski; Szoltysik, Dejna, Lubanski, Blaut, Willim (Smijewski).

Norway (0) 0 25,000
Mexico (1) 2 (Fragoso 2)

Norway: Olsen; Rodvang, Mathiesen; Borno, Petersen (S.), Eggen; Jensen, Berg, Iversen, Nilsen (S.), Sunde.

Mexico: Calderon; Vantolra, Galindo; Perez, Pena, Sanchez; Munguia, Fragoso, Cisneros (Padilla), Pulido, Morales.

MAY 9

Colombia (1) 1 (Gonzalez)
Peru (1) 3 (Ramirez, Cubillas, Leon) 23,000

Colombia: Largacn; Segovia, Castro; Garcia, Segrera, Gaviria; Tamayo, Gonzalez, Ortiz, Gallego, Santa.

Peru team unavailable at the time of going to press.

MAY 10

West Germany (0) 1 (Muller)
Austria (0) 0 70,000

West Germany: Maier; Patzke, Vogts; Beckenbauer, Schulz, Hottges; Dorfel, Held (Heynckes), Muller (G.), Overath, Brenninger (Volkert).

Austria: Fraydl; Pumm, Fak; Starek, Sturmberger, Eigenstiller; Kogelberger, Hof (N.), Siber, Ettmayer, Redl.

MAY 14

Switzerland (0) 0 35,000
Rumania (1) 1 (Michaud o.g.)

Switzerland: Prosperi; Ramseier, Chapuisat; Odermatt, Tacchella, Michaud; Signorelli (P. Stierli), Kunzli, Quentin, Kuhn, Vuilleumier.

Rumania: Eaducanu; Satmareanu, Deleanu (Halmageanu); Nunweiller VI, Boc, Dan Coe; Dembrowski, Tufan, Dumitrache, Dinu, Lucescu.

MAY 17

Scotland (3) 8 (Gray, McNeill, Stein 4, Henderson, Gemmell, pen.) 39,095
Cyprus (0) 0

Scotland: Herriot; McCreadie, Gemmell; Bremner, McNeill, Greig; Henderson, Cooke, Stein, Gilzean, Gray.

Cyprus: Alkiviades; Martakas, Kourcas; Sotirakis (Constantas), Savvas (Kavazis), Stephanis; Marcou, Efthymiadix, Krystallis, Asprou, Stylianou.

MAY 21

West Germany (7) 12 (Muller 4, Overath 3, Haller 2, Lorenz, Held, Hottges) 40,583
Cyprus (0) 0

West Germany: Maier; Vogts, Lorenz (Patzke); Beckenbauer, Schulz, Hottges (L. Muller), Libuda, Haller, Muller (G.), Overath, Held.
Cyprus: Alkiviadis; Martakas, Sarakis (Kavazis); Sotirakis; Kourem, Stephanis; Kettenis (Vassiliades), Fokis, Krystallis, Melis, Stylianou.

MAY 25

Hungary (1) 2 (Dunai II, Albert)
Czechoslovakia (0) 0 80,000
Hungary: Szentmihalyi; Kaposzta, Nosko (Farkas); Szucs, Meszoly, Panesics; Szoke (Fazekas), Bene, Albert, Dunai II, Zambo.
Czechoslovakia: Vencel; Dobias (Pivarnik), Szikora; Zlocha, Plass, Horvath; Vesely (B.), Kuna, Adamec, Kabat, Jokl.

MAY 27

Denmark (1) 2 (Ole Sorensen 2)
Eire (0) 0 27,000
Denmark: Engedahl; Larsen, Nielsen; Andersen; Munk Jensen, Moller; Lief Sorensen, Bent Jensen, Ole Madsen, Ole Sorensen, Lefevre.
Eire: Kelly; Brennan, Mulligan; Rogers, Finucane, Dempsey; Newman, Leech, Givens, Dunphy, Treacy.

JUNE 1

Mexico (0) 0 105,000
England (0) 0
Mexico: Castreeon; Alejandrez, Perez; Gonzalez, Pena, Nunez; Munguia, Bustos, Borja, Estrada, Victorino.
England: West; Newton, Cooper; Mullery, Labone, Moore; Lee, Ball, Charlton (R.), Hurst, Peters.

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

MAY 3

Northern Ireland (0) 1 (McMordie) 23,000
England (1) 3 (Peters, Lee, Hurst, pen.)
Ireland: Jennings; Craig, Harvey (Elder); Todd, Neill, Nicholson; McMordie, Jackson, Dougan, Irvine, Best.
England: Banks; Newton, McNab; Mullery, Labone, Moore (B.); Ball, Lee, Charlton (R.), Hurst, Peters.

Wales (2) 3 (Davies R. 2, Toshack) 18,765
Scotland (2) 5 (Stein, McNeil, Gilzean, Bremner, McLean)
Wales: Sprake; Derrett (Reece), Green; Durban, Burton, Powell; Jones (B.), Davies (R.), Toshack, Davies (W.), Moore (G.).
Scotland: Lawrence (Herriot); Gemmell, McCreadie; Bremner, McNeil, Greig; McLean (T.), Murdoch, Stein, Gilzean, Cooke.

MAY 6

Scotland (0) 1 (Stein) 7,843
Northern Ireland (1) 1 (McMordie)
Scotland: Herriot; McCreadie, Gemmell; Bremner, Stanton, Greig; Henderson, Murdoch, Stein, Law, Cooke (Johnstone).
Ireland: Jennings; Craig, Elder; Nicholson, Neill, Todd; Best, McMordie, Dougan, Jackson, Clements.

MAY 7

England (0) 2 (Lee, Charlton B.) 75,000
Wales (1) 1 (Davies R.)
England: West; Newton, Cooper; Moore (B.) Charlton (J.), Hunter; Bell, Lee, Charlton (B.), Astle, Ball.
Wales: Sprake; Rodrigues, Thomas; Durban, Powell, Burton; Jones (B.), Davies (R.), Toshahck, Davies (W.), Moore (G.).

MAY 10

Northern Ireland (0) 0 12,500
Wales (0) 0
Ireland: Jennings; Craig, Elder; Nicholson, Neill, Todd; Best, McMordie, Dougan, Jackson, Clements.
Wales: Sprake; Rodrigues, Thomas; Durban, Powell, Burton; Jones (B.), Davies (R.), Toshack, Davies (W.), Moore (G.).

England (2) 4 (Hurst 2, 1 pen., Peters 2) 100,000
Scotland (1) 1 (Stein)
England: Banks; Newton, Cooper; Mullery, Labone, Moore (B.); Lee, Ball, Charlton (R.), Hurst, Peters.
Scotland: Herriot; McCreadie, Gemmell; Bremner, McNeill, Greig; Henderson, Murdoch, Stein, Gilzean), Wallace), Gray.

UNDER 23 INTERNATIONALS

MAY 22

Holland Under 22 (1) 2 (Mulder, Klynjan) 14,500
England Under 23 (1) 1 (Kidd)
Holland: Schryvers; Droest, Schneider, Dykstra, Aghthenberg, Veenstra; Rynders, Brouwers (Hoewema), Mulder, Knoef, Klynjan.
England: Shilton; Smith, Hughes; Doyle, McFarland, Hurst; Coates, Radford, Royle, Kidd, Sissons.

MAY 25

Belgium (0) 0 11,000
England (0) 1 (Royle)
Belgium: Piot; Blaise, Van Welle; Ghellinck, Dolmans, Colasse, De Cuelzer, Janssens, Verdhelde, Carteus, Denul.
England: Springett; Pardoe, Hughes; Doyle McFarland, Nish; Coates (Royle), Evans, Greenhoff (Kidd), Hurst, Sissons.

MAY 29

Portugal (1) 1 (Praia) 15,000
England (0) 1 (Hughes)
Portugal: Damas; Barros, Humberto; Calo, Murca, Toni; Nene, Paais, Nelson, Petita, Diamentino.
England: Shilton; Smith, Pardoe; Doyle, McFarland, Nish; Radford, Evans, Royle (Hughes), Hurst, Sissons.

UEFA YOUTH TOURNAMENT
(Played in East Germany)

GROUP A

USSR 2, Portugal 1; Rumania 2, Turkey 1; USSR 3, Turkey 0; Rumania 2, Portugal 0; Portugal 1, Turkey 0; USSR 1, Rumania 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
USSR	3	3	0	0	6	1	6
Rumania	3	2	0	1	4	2	4
Portugal	3	1	0	2	2	4	2
Turkey	3	0	0	3	1	6	0

GROUP B

England 6, Malta 0; East Germany 1, Czechoslovakia 0; East Germany 10, Malta 0; England 3, Czechoslovakia 1; East Germany 4, England 0; Czechoslovakia 7, Malta 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
E. Germ'y	3	3	0	0	15	0	6
England	3	2	0	1	9	5	4
Czecho'kia	3	1	0	2	8	4	2
Malta	3	0	0	3	0	23	0

GROUP C

Spain 1, France 0; Bulgaria 1, West Germany 0; Bulgaria 3, Spain 1; France 1, West Germany 0; West Germany 2, Spain 1; Bulgaria 3, France 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bulgaria	3	3	0	0	7	2	6
W. Germ'y	3	1	0	2	2	3	2
Spain	3	1	0	2	3	5	2
France	3	1	0	2	2	4	2

GROUP D

Yugoslavia 2, Austria 0; Scotland 1, Poland 0; Poland 0, Yugoslavia 0; Scotland 2, Austria 1; Yugoslavia 1, Scotland 1; Austria 3, Poland 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	3	2	1	0	4	2	5
Yugoslavia	3	1	2	0	3	1	4
Austria	3	1	0	2	4	4	2
Poland	3	0	1	2	0	4	1

Semi-finals

East Germany (0) 2 (Zoelfl, Mosert) 30,000
Scotland (1) 1 (Hartford)
Bulgaria (3) 3 (Panov 2, Boarisov) 8,000
USSR (0) 0

Third Place

USSR (1) 1 (Kulicenko) 11,000
Scotland (0) 0

Final

East Germany (1) 1 (Stoilov) 12,000
Bulgaria (1) 1 (Streich)

Bulgaria won the UEFA Youth Tournament by the toss of a coin after the final had ended 1-1 after 20 minutes of extra time.

NORTH AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE
INTERNATIONAL CUP COMPETITION

MAY 3

Baltimore (West Ham Utd.) (0) 3 (Bennett 2, Best)
Kansas City (Wolves) (1) 2 Knowles, Bailey)
Baltimore: Ferguson; Bonds, Howe; Bennett, Stephenson, Cushley; Redknapp, Boyce, Brooking, Best, Sissons.
Kansas City: Parkes; Wilson, Parkin; Bailey, Woodfield, McAlle; Walker, Knowles, Curran, Clarke (Farrington), Wagstaff.

MAY 4

Atlanta (Aston Villa) (0) 2 (Lynch, Simmons)
St. Louis (Kilmarnock) (1) 1 (McLean J.)
Atlanta: Dunne; Wright, Aitken; Hole, Edwards, Lynch; Ferguson, Martin, Simmons, Tiler, Anderson.
St. Louis: McLaughlin; King, Dickson; Waddell, McGrory, Beattie; McLean, Queen, Morrison, Evans, McIlroy.

MAY 5

Kansas City (1) 4 (Knowles 2, Wilson, Bailey)
Dallas (Dundee Utd.) (1) 2 (Gordon 2)
Kansas City: Parkes; Parkin, Taylor; Bailey, Holsgrove, Munro; Farrington, Knowles, Curran, Wilson, Wagstaff.
Dallas: Mackay; Rolland, Cameron J.; Gillespie, Smith, Wood; Hogg, Reid, Cameron K., Gordon, Scott.

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Irish goalkeeper Pat Jennings clears from Welsh forward Wyn Davies with Alex Elder in attendance during the Home International Championship. (A)

SOCCERTISTICS

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MAY 9

Kansas City (2) 4 (McAlle 2, Bailey, Curran)
Baltimore (0) 2 (o.g., Brooking)

MAY 10

Atlanta (2) 2 (Tiler, Ferguson)
Dallas (0) 2 (Cameron K. 2)

St. Louis (1) 2 (Morrison, Queen)
Baltimore (1) 1 (Boyce)

MAY 11

Kansas City (2) 3 (Curran 2, Farrington)
St. Louis (1) 2 (Morrison, McLean T.)

Kansas City: Parkes; Wilson, Parkin; Bailey, Woodfield, McAlle; Farrington, Knowles, Curran, Munro, Wagstaffe.
St. Louis: McLaughlin; King, Dickson; Gilmour, McGrory, Beatie; McLean T., Queen, Morrison, McLean J., McIlroy.

Dallas (0) 0
Atlanta (1) 2 (Tiler 2)

Dallas: MacKay; Rolland, Briggs; Gillespie, Smith, Wood; Wilson, Markland, Cameron K., Gordon, Scott.
Atlanta: Dunne; Wright, Aitken; Hole, Edwards, Tiler; Rudge, Martin, Godfrey, Broadbent, Anderson.

MAY 15

St. Louis (1) 3 (Queen 2, McLean)
Dallas (0) 3 (Cameron, Gordon, Wilson)

St. Louis: Dick; Dickson, Arthur; McGrory, Rodman, Gilmour; McIlroy, Evans, Queen, McLean J., Waddell.
Dallas: MacKay; Rolland, Markland; Gillespie, Smith, Wood; Hogg, Gordon, Cameron, Mitchell, Wilson.

Atlanta (0) 1 (o.g.)
Kansas City (0) 2 (Knowles pen., Dougan)

MAY 17

Baltimore (3) 6 (Brooking 3, Hurst, Peters, Moore)
Dallas (0) 1 (Gordon)

Kansas City (0) 3 (Dougan 2, Curran)
St. Louis (0) 0

Kansas City: Parkes; Parkin, Taylor; Bailey, Woodfield, McAlle; Knowles, Munro, Dougan, Curran, Wagstaffe.
St. Louis: McLaughlin; King, Dickson; Gilmour, McGrory, Beatie; McLean T., Queen, Morrison, McLean J., Waddell.

MAY 20

Atlanta (1) 2 (Simmons, Anderson)
Baltimore (2) 2 (Hurst, Hartley)

Atlanta: Dunne; Wright, Aitken; Hole, Turnbull, Tiler; Rudge, Martin, Simmons, Ferguson, Anderson.
Baltimore: Ferguson; Bonds, Charles; Peters, Stephenson, Moore; Redknapp, Boyce, Brooking, Hurst, Hartley.

MAY 22

Baltimore (0) 3 (Hurst 2, Brooking)
Dallas (1) 1 (Cameron)

Dallas (0) 1 (Wilson)
St. Louis (0) 0

Dallas: MacKay; Rolland, Markland; Gillespie, Smith, Wood; Hogg, Reid, Mitchell, Gordon, Wilson.
St. Louis: McLaughlin; King, Dickson; Gilmour, McGrory, Beatie; McLean T., Queen, Morrison, Evans, McLean J.

Kansas City (2) 5 (Dougan, Curran 2, Knowles, Munro pen.)
Atlanta (0) 0

Kansas City: Parkes; Wilson, Parkin; Bailey, Holsgrove, McAlle; Knowles, Munro, Dougan, Curran, Wagstaffe.
Atlanta: Dunne; Wright, Aitken; Broadbent, Turnbull, Tiler; Rudge, Martin, Godfrey, Ferguson, Anderson.

MAY 25

St. Louis (2) 2 (Queen 2)
Atlanta (0) 1 (Broadbent)

St. Louis: McLaughlin; Arthur, Dickson; Gilmour, McGrory, Beatie; McLean T., Queen, Morrison, McLean J., McIlroy.
Atlanta: Dunne; Wright, Aitken; Hole, Chatterley, Tiler; Rudge, Godfrey, Martin, Ferguson. Sub. Broadbent for Rudge.

ARGENTINA LEAGUE RESULTS

MARCH 23

Lanus 1, Velez Sarsfield 5; San Lorenzo 5, Atlanta 2; Chacarita Juniors 1, Independiente 0; Rosario Central 1, Banfield 1; Gimnasia y Esgrima 0, Boca Juniors 1; River Plate 3, Estudiantes 1; Argentinos Juniors 1, Huracan 4; Racing Club 3, Platense 1; Los Andes 0, Newells Old Boys (Rosario) 0; Dep. Moron 0, Quilmes 1; Union Santa Fe 0, Colon Santa Fe 0 (match suspended after 51 minutes; points awarded to Colon).

MARCH 30

Boca Juniors 2, San Lorenzo 0; Velez Sarsfield 4, Colon 2; Independiente 1, Lanus 1; Atlanta 1, Chacarita Juniors 1; Banfield 2, Gimnasia y Esgrima 2; Estudiantes 2, Los Andes 1; Huracan 0, River Plate 1; Platense 2, Argentinos Juniors 2; Union Santa Fe 4, Dep. Moron 1; Quilmes 0, Racing Club 2; Rosario Central 2, Newells Old Boys 2.

APRIL 3

Chacarita Juniors 0, Boca Juniors 0; San Lorenzo 4, Banfield 0; Colon 2, Independiente 0; Gimnasia y Esgrima 2, Rosario Central ; Lanus 2, Atlanta 0; River Plate 0, Platense 4, Newells Old Boys 2, Estudiantes 2; Racing Club 3, Union Santa Fe 1; Los Andes 2, Huracan 2; Argentinos Juniors 0, Quilmes 0; Dep. Moron 0, Velez Sarsfield 1.

APRIL 6

Rosario Central 1, San Lorenzo 0; Boca Juniors 2, Lanus 0; Banfield 1, Chacarita Juniors 2; Atlanta 4, Colon 1; Independiente 0, Velez Sarsfield 1; Platense 1, Los Andes 1; Union Santa Fe 1, Argentinos Juniors 0; Dep. Moron 0, Racing Club 2; Gimnasia y Esgrima 2, Estudiantes 0.

APRIL 13

Velez Sarsfield 4, Atlanta 2; Chacarita Juniors 0, Rosario Central 0; Colon 0, Boca Juniors 0; San Lorenzo 2, Gimnasia y Esgrima 3; Lanus 1, Banfield 2; River Plate 0, Union Santa Fe 0; Los Andes 1, Quilmes 1; Estudiantes 3, Huracan 3; Newells Old Boys 3, Platense 1; Argentinos Juniors 0, Dep. Moron 1; Racing Club 2, Independiente 2.

APRIL 20

Gimnasia y Esgrima 0, Chacarita Juniors 1; Rosario Central 0, Lanus 2; Boca Juniors 2, Velez Sarsfield 1; Banfield 1, Colon 1; Atlanta 0, Independiente 1; Platense 0, Estudiantes 4; Quilmes 1, Newells Old Boys 1; Union Santa Fe 1, Los Andes 4, Racing Club 0, Argentinos 0; Dep. Moron 1, River Plate 3; San Lorenzo 1, Huracan 2.

APRIL 27

Independiente 0, Boca Juniors 0; Velez Sarsfield 1, Banfield 2; Colon 1, Rosario Central 0; Lanus 4, Gimnasia y Esgrima 0; Chacarita Juniors 0, San Lorenzo 2; River Plate 2, Racing Club 2; Los Andes 2, Dep. Moron 3; Newells Old Boys 0, Union Santa Fe 2; Huracan 0, Platense 2; Estudiantes 4, Quilmes 0, Argentinos Juniors 0, Atlanta 0.

MAY 1

Janus 2, San Lorenzo 1; Colon 0, Gimnasia y Esgrima 0; Independiente 1, Banfield 0; Velez Sarsfield 0, Rosario Central 1; Atlanta 0, Boca Juniors 2; Huracan 6, Quilmes 3; Newells Old Boys 1, Dep. Moron 0; River Plate 4, Argentinos Juniors 2; Chacarita Juniors 3, Platense 2.

MAY 4

Rosario Central 1, Independiente 0; Banfield 2, Atlanta 1; San Lorenzo 3, Colon 0; Gimnasia y Esgrima 0, Velez Sarsfield 3; Chacarita Juniors 3, Lanus 0; Argentinos Juniors 3, Los Andes 0; Racing Club 5, Newells Old Boys 2; Dep. Moron 0, Estudiantes 3; Union Santa Fe 1, Huracan 2; Quilmes 3, Platense 2; River Plate 2, Boca Juniors 2.

MAY 11

Velez Sarsfield 2, San Lorenzo 2; Huracan 3, Dep. Moron 0; Estudiantes 0, Racing Club 1; Colon 0, Chacarita Juniors 1; Atlanta 2, Rosario Central 2; Boca Juniors 4, Banfield 0; Independiente 2, Gimnasia y Esgrima 1; Lanus 1, Quilmes 1; Platense 2, Union Santa Fe 0; Newells Old Boys 1, Argentinos Juniors 1; Los Andes 0, River Plate 0.

The Newcastle United defence successfully repels a Glasgow Rangers attack during their Fairs Cup semi-final match at Ibrox Park. Newcastle won on aggregate and went on to defeat Ujpest Dozsa in the final.

SECTION A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boca	14	9	4	1	23	4	22
Chacarita	14	8	4	2	22	16	20
Velez	14	8	2	4	29	17	18
S.Lorenzo	14	7	1	6	28	19	15
Lanus	14	6	3	5	27	24	15
Banfield	14	5	4	5	15	24	14
Indep'nte	14	5	3	6	14	15	13
G.y.Esg.	14	5	2	7	18	22	12
Rosario	14	4	4	6	11	17	12
Atlanta	14	2	4	8	15	25	8
Colon	14	2	4	8	10	25	8

SECTION B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Racing	14	8	6	0	27	11	22
River	14	9	4	1	24	15	22
Huracan	14	6	4	4	28	20	16
Estud'tes	13	6	3	4	24	17	15
Platense	14	5	2	7	22	25	12
Quilmes	14	4	4	6	17	25	12
New's OB	14	2	8	4	16	20	12
Union	13	5	1	7	14	18	11
Arg. Jun.	14	1	7	6	13	19	8
L. Andes	14	1	7	6	13	19	9
D. Moron	14	4	1	9	11	24	9

EUROPEAN LEAGUE RESULTS

W/E APRIL 27

Czechoslovakia: Spartak Trnava 3, Lokomotiva Kosice 0.

W/E MAY 4

Switzerland: La Chaux-de-Fonds 2, Lausanne 3; Lugano 0, Biel 0; Lucerne 2, Winterthur 0; St. Gallen 2, Sion 1; Servette 1, Grasshoppers 1; Young Boys 2, Bellinzona 3; Zurich 0, Basle 3.

West Germany: Hertha BSC 0, Borussia Dortmund 0; Eintracht Brunswick 2, Koln 1; Hamburger SV 2, Borussia Monchengladbach 0. (Midweek)—FC Koln 4, Hamburger SV 1.

Italy: Bologna 2, Torino 0; Fiorentina 3, Pisa 1; Juventus 1, Inter-Milan 0; AC Milan 2, Varese 0; Napoli 2, Cagliari 1; Palermo 0, Roma 3; Sampdoria 1, Vicenza 0; Verona 1, Atlanta 1.

France: Strasbourg 0, Valenciennes 1; Lyon 3, Ajaccio 2; Nimes 1, St. Etienne 0; Metz 3, Sochaux 0; Rennes 0, Rouen 1; Bastia 3, Nantes 1.

Austria: Linz ASK 0, Sportklub 0; Sturm Graz 2, Wacker Innsbruck 0; Donawitz 2, Admira 4; Austria Klagenfurt 3, Rapid 2; Wattens 1, Grazer AK 0; Eisenstadt 3, Schwarzweiss Bregenz 0; Wacker Wien 1, Austria Salzburg 0.

Belgium: Standard 3, Beringen 1; Beerschot 3, Beveren 3; St. Trond 1, FC Liege 0; FC Bruges 0, Racing White 1; SC Charleroi 0, Anderlecht 0; Malinois 3, Lierse SK 2; Daring 2, La Gantoise 4; Union St. Gilloise 2, Waregem 3.

Hungary: Diosgyor 1, Komlo 0; Szombathely 1, Egyetertes 0; Ferencvaros 2, Raba ETO Gyor 1; Pecs 0, Csepel 0; Honved 3, Eger 0; Ujpest Dosza 1, Salgotarjan 0; Tatabanya 1, MTK 0; Vasas 3, Dunaujvaros 0. (Midweek)—Ferencvaros 6, Eger 2; MTK 3, Salgotarjan 1; Egyetertes 1, Honved 1; Raba ETO Gyor 2, Tatabanya 1; Komlo 3, Pecs 0; Dunaujvaros 2, Szombathely 0.

East Germany: Carl Zeiss Jena 2, Vorwaerts 0; Magdeburg 2, Sachsenring Zwickau 0; Wismut Aue 3, Hansa Rostock 1; Chemie Halle 1, Lokomotiva Leipzig 1; Chemie Leipzig 1, Stahl Riesa 0; Dynamo Berlin 1, Union Berlin 1; Karl Marx Stadt 0, Rot-Weiss Erfurt 0. (Midweek)—Chemie Halle 1, Magdeburg 2; Carl Zeiss Jena 2, Karl Marx Stadt 0.

Norway: Viking Stavanger 1, Start Kristiansand 0; Fredrikstad 2, Lyn Oslo 0; Hodd Aalesund 1, Stromgodset Drammen 0; Rosenborg Trondheim 5, Brann Bergen 0; Skeid Oslo 2, Sarpsburg 0.

Sweden: Djurgaarden 4, Elfsborg 1; Oerebro 1, Malmo FF 2; Norrkoping 1, AIK 1; Sirius 0, IFK Goteborg 1; GAIS 2, Atvidaberg 3; Jonkoping 0, Oester 5.

Yugoslavia: Proleter 1, Dinamo 0; Olimpija 0, Red Star 1; Partizan 4, Maribor 1; Zagreb 2, Rijeka 0; Hajduk 1, Celik 0; Radnicki Nis 3, Sarajevo 0; Bor 1, Vardar 0; OFK Belgrade 1, Velez 3; Zeleznicar 4, Vojvodina 1. (Midweek)—Vojvodina 5, Sarajevo 2.

Denmark: Akademisk 1, Frem 0; Hvidovre 3, Esbjerg 1; B 1909 Odense 2, Aalborg 3; Horsens 3, Vejle 0; B 1901 Nykoping 3, B 1913 Odense 1.

Rumania: Crisul 1, Steaua 2; Farul 2, Universitatea Craiova 0; Vagonul 3, ASA Tirgu-Mures 0; Arges 2, Rapid 1; Dinamo Bucharest 1, Jiul 0; Progresul 2, Universitatea Cluj 2; Politehnica 2, UT Arad 1; Petrolul 0, Dinamo Bacau 0.

Finland: TPS Turku 1, MP Mikkeli 0; Ilves Kissat (Tampere) 5, Reipas Lahti 1; Lahti 69 2, KUPS (Kuopio) 2; Elo (Kuopio) 5, Aessat (Pori) 0; KTP Kotka 0, HJK Helsinki 2; KPS Kokkola 1, Haka Valkeakoski 0.

Bulgaria: CSKA 3, Dunav 2; Botev Vratza 1, Levski-Spartak 1; ESK Slavia 4, Marek 0; Beroe 3, Lokomotiv Plovdiv 2; Tchernomorez 2, Akademik 0; Dobrudja 0, Krakra 0; Trakia 1, Spartak Pleven 0. (Midweek)—Krakra 4, CSKA 1; Levski-Spartak 5, Tchernomorez 2; Tcherno more 1, ESK Slavia 1; Lokomotiv Plovdiv 3, Dobrudja 1; Spartak Pleven 2, Beroe 0; Akademik 2, Trakia 1; Marek 1, Botev Vratza 0.

Russia: Group A: Sarja Lugansk 0, Dynamo Moscow 1; SKA Rostov 1, Tschernomorez Odessa 0; Krilija Kuybyschew 1, Dynamo Kiev 1; CSKA Moscow 2, Neftschi Baku 0; Uralmasch Swerdlowsk 1, Ararat Erewan 1. **Group B:** Spartak Moscow 0, Torpedo Moscow 0; Dynamo Minsk 1, Torpedo Kutaisi 2; Dynamo Tbilisi 3, Schachtjor Donezk 0; Zenit Leningrad 2, Pachtakor Taschkent 0.

Czechoslovakia: Spartak Trnava 2, Banik Ostrava 1; Lokomotiv Kosice 1, Jednota Trencin 0; Banska Bystrica 2, ZVL Zilina 1; Dukla 1, Inter Bratislava 1; Slavia 1, VSS Kosice 0; Pardubice 3, Union SKLO Teplice 2; Slovan Bratislava 2, Sparta 0.

Holland: NEC 3, Telstar 1; Twente 2, Holland Sport 0; Feijenoord 1, Volendam 0; MVV 4, DOS Utrecht 0; Ajax 3, DWS 2; PSV 2, Fortuna/Sittardia 0; AZ '67 1, Sparta 1; ADO 1, NAC 1; GVAV 1, Go Ahead 1. (Midweek)—Ajax 2, Twente 0; Telstar 0, DWS 2; Sparta 3, NAC 3.

W/E MAY 11

Switzerland: Basle 5, La Chaux-de-Fonds 0; Bellinzona 2, Lugano 1; Biel 1, Zurich 1; Grasshoppers 3, Young Boys 1; Lausanne 2, Winterthur 2; St. Gallen 3, Lucerne 0; Sion 4, Servette 2.

Sweden: IFK Goteborg 1, Oerebro 0; Elfsborg 1, Jonkoping 0; Oester 1, Norrkoping 1 Malmo FF 1, AIK Stockholm 1; Atvidaberg 2, Sirius 0; Djurgaarden 6, GAIS Gothenburg 0.

East Germany: Stahl Riesa 2, Magdeburg 0; Vorwaerts 2, Union Berlin 0; Rot-Weiss Erfurt 1, Chemie Leipzig 1; Sachsenring Zwikau 2, Wismut Aue 0; Hansa Rostock 1, Chemie Halle 1; Leipzig Lokomotiv 0, Carl Zeiss Jena 0; Karl-Marx-Stadt 1, Dynamo Berlin 2.

France: Nantes 1, Bordeaux 2; Valenciennes 0, Nimes 0; Marseille 0, Strasbourg 0; Ajaccio 2, Rennes 2; Sochaux 3, Red Star 3; St. Etienne 7, Bastia 2; Sedan 0, Metz 0; Monaco 0, Lyon 2; Rouen 4, Nice 0. (Midweek)—Bordeaux 2, Monaco 1; Red Star 2, Sedan 1; Nice 2, Marseille 3.

Norway: Hodd Aalsund 1, Fredrikstad 3; Sarpsborg 5, Brann 2; Start Kristiansand 1, Rosenborg Trondheim 4; Stromgodset Drammen 3, Viking Stavanger 1.

Finland: ELO (Kuopio) 3, KTP Kotka 2; Haka Valkeakoski 2, Lahti '69 0; KPV Kokkola 2, TPS Turku 0; Aessat Pori 2, KUPS (Kuopio) 2; HJK Helsinki 1, Ilves-Kissat (Tampere) 1; Reipas Lahti 0, MP Mikkeli 0.

Italy: AC Milan 0, Napoli 0; Juventus 0, Fiorentina 2; Bologna 2, Palermo 0; Cagliari 0, Sampdoria 0; Pisa 2, Vicenza 2; Roma 4, Atalanta 1; Varese 1, Torino 0; Verona 2, Inter-Milan 3.

Belgium: Beveren 1, Standard 0; Waregem 3, Daring 0; Lierse SK 0, SC Charleroi 0; FC Liege

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Holland: Telstar 4, Twente 2; Holland Sport 1, Feijenoord 0; Volendam 1, MVV 1; DOS 3, DWS 2; Ajax 1, PSV 2; Fortuna/Sittardia 3, AZ '67 0; Sparta 2, ADO 2; NAC 2, GVAV 1; Go Ahead 1, NEC 0.

Bulgaria: Tcherno more 0, CSKA 1; ESK Slavia 2, Levski-Spartak 2; Krakra 4, Lokomotiv 0; Trakia 3, Beroe 0; Akademik 2, Botev Vratza 2; Spartak Pleven 3, Tchernomorez 1; Dunav 1, Dobrudja 0.

Hungary: Ujpest Dosza 1, Tatabanya 2; MTK 3, Ferencvaros 4; Komlo 1, Salgotarjan 0; Egyetertes 0, Vasas 4; Honved 3, Szombathely 0; Raba ETO Gyor 2, Eger 0; Dunaujvaros 1, Pecs 1; Csepel 1, Diosgyor 0.

Poland: Polonia 0, GKS Katovice 0; Legia 1, ROW Rybnik 0; Ruch 2, Stal 0; Odra 2, Szombierki 0; Zaglebie Walbryzch 1, Slask 0; Gornik 3, Wisla 1; Pogon 0, Zaglebie Sosnowiec 1.

Russia: Group A: Uralmasch Swerdlowsk 1, Krilija Kuybyschew 0; Dynamo Moscow 0, CSKA Moscow 0; Neftschi Baku 1, Sarja Lugansk 1; Ararat Erewan 0, Tschernomorez Odessa 0; Dynamo Kiev 2, SKA Rostow 0.

Group B: Torpedo Moscow 2, Zenit Leningrad 0; Pachtachtor Taschkent 1, Kairat Alma Ata 0; Torpedo Kutaisi 0, Dynamo Tbilisi 0; Dynamo Minsk 1, Lokomotiv Moscow 0.

Denmark: Frem 2, Horsens 2; KB Copenhagen 5, Hvidovre 1; Vejle 2, B 1903 Copenhagen 1; B 1913 Odense 1, Akademisk 1; Aalborg 4, B 1901 Nykobing 0.

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Switzerland: La Chaux-de-Fonds 1, Biel 2; Lugano 2, Grasshoppers 3; Lucerne 1, Lausanne 3; Servette 1, St. Gallen 0; Winterthur 0, Basle 0; Young Boys 1, Sion 0; Zurich 2, Bellinzona 2.

West Germany: Borussia Dortmund 3, Alemannia Aachen 1; TSV 1860 Munchen 0, Hertha BSC 1; Nurnberg 2, Bayern Munchen 0; Hannover 96 1, MSV Duisburg 1; Kaiserslautern 2, Eintracht Frankfurt 2; Hamburger SV 1, Schalke 04 3; Borussia Monchengladbach 1, Eintracht Brunswick 1; Koln 3, Werder Bremen 3.

Italy: Atalanta 1, Cagliari 2; Fiorentina 3, Varese 1; Inter-Milan 4, Bologna 0; Vicenza 2, Verona 1; Napoli 2, Pisa 1; Palermo 0, AC Milan 0; Sampdoria 1, Juventus 1; Torino 2, Roma 0.

Holland: NEC 2, Twente 0; Feijenoord 4, Telstar 1; MVV 3, Holland Sport 0; DWS 2, Volendam 1; PSV 3, DOS 1; AZ '67 0, Ajax 3; ADO 4, Fortuna/Sittardia 0; GVAV 3, Sparta 1; Go Ahead 3, NAC 1.

France: Bastia 1, Ajaccio 0; Metz 0, St. Etienne 1; Monaco 2, Sochaux 1; Strasbourg 2, Rouen 0, Rennes 4, Nice 2; Lyon 1, Valenciennes 0; Red Star 2, Nantes 3.

East Germany: Dynamo Berlin 1, Vorwaerts 2; Union Berlin 1, Lokomotiv Leipzig 1; Wismut Aue 0, Stahl Riesa 1; Magdeburg 1, Rot-Weiss Erfurt 2; Carl Zeiss Jena 3, Hansa Rostock 0; Chemie Halle 0, Sachsenring Zwickau 1.

Russia: Group A: CSKA Moscow 1, Uralmasch Swerdlowsk 0; Dynamo Moscow 1, Krilija Kuybyschew 0; Neftschi Baku 0, SKA Rostow 0; Dynamo Kiev 1, Tschernomorez Odessa 0; Ararat Erewan 1, Sarja Lugansk 0. **Group B:** Torpedo Moscow 0, Schachtjor Donezk 0; Dynamo Minsk 2, Zenit Leningrad 0; Pachtakor Taschkent 0, Dynamo Tbilisi 0; Kairat Alma Ata 2, Torpedo Kutaisi 0.

Austria: Grazer AK 3, Eisenstadt 1; Rapid 5, Donawitz 0; Wiener Sportklub 4, Austria Klagenfurt 0; Admira 1, Sturm Graz 0; Austria Salzburg 3, Austria Wien 3; Wacker Innsbruck 4, Wattens 1; Schwarzweiss Bregenz 4, Wacker Wien 1.

Hungary: Ferencvaros 0, Ujpest Dosza 2; Vasas 1, Honved 2; Pecs 3, Egyetertes 0; Tatabanya 1, Komlo 0; Raba ETO Gyor 2, MTK 1; Salgotarjan 1, Csepel 1; Diosgyor 2, Dunaujvaros 1; Eger 1, Szombathely 2.

Yugoslavia: Dinamo 0, OFK Belgrade 3; Red Star 3, Hajduk 3; Vojvodina 2, Olimpija 0; Celik 0, Partizan 0; Radnicki Nis 3, Proleter 1; Velez 0, Zeleznicar 0; Sarajevo 1, Bor 1; Rijeka 1, Maribor 1; Vardar 5, Zagreb 1.

Denmark: B 1913 Odense 2, KB Copenhagen 0; B 1901 Nykobing 2, Vejle 0; Esbjerg 3, Frem 2; Horsens 1, Akademisk 0. (Midweek)—B 1909 Odense 4, Esbjerg 0.

Finland: Haka Valkeakoski 0, HJK Helsinki 1; KTP Kotka 0, Lahti 69 1; KUPS Kuopio 1, KPV Kokkola 0; MP Mikkeli 1, Aessat Pori 1; Reipas Lahti 1, ELO Kuopio 1; TPS Turku 1, Ilves-Kissat (Tampere) 1.

Poland: GKS Katovice 1, Gornik 2; ROW Rybnik 0, Polonia 2; Szombierki 1, Ruch Chorzow 3; Wisla 0, Slask 2; Pogon 0, Zaglebie Walbrzych 0; Stal 0, Legia 1.

Rumania: Farul 1, Dinamo Bucharest 0; Rapid 5, Politehnica 1; Arges 2, Crisul 1; Dinamo Bacau 2, Universitatea Craiova 1; Steaua 3, Vagonul 0; ASA Tirgu-Mures 2, Jiul 1; UT Arad 3, Progresul 0; Universitatea Cluj 5, Petrolul 1.

Sweden: GAIS Goteborg 3, Malmo FF 0; Jonkoping Atvidaberg 1; Sirius 0, Djurgaarden 1; Oerebro 3, Elfsborg 1; Norrkopping 0, IFK Goteborg 2; AIK Stockholm 1, Oester 2.

EUROPEAN CUP

Semi-final—First Leg

Ajax Amsterdam **3**
Cruyff (28), Swart (51), Keizer (66).

Spartak Trnava (Czech) **0**

Amsterdam. Att. 65,000. Ref. Jennings (England).

Ajax: Balk; Suurbier, Hulshoff, Pronk, Van Duivenbode; Groot, Muller; Swart, Cruyff, Danielsson, Keizer.

Spartak: Geryk; Dobias, Majernik, Jarabek, Hagara; Hrusecky, Kuna; Martinkovic, Farkas, Adamec, Kabat.

AC Milan **2**
Sormani (32), Hamrin (49).

Manchester United **0**

Watched by Irish defenders a shot from Denmark's Ole Sorensen (unseen in picture) sails in to the net for Denmark's first goal in their World Cup qualifying match against Northern Ireland. Sorensen added a second goal in the second half. (UPI)

Milan. Att. 80,000. Ref. Krnavec (Czechoslovakia).

Milan: Cudicini; Anquilletti, Rosato (Maldera), Malatrasi, Schnellinger; Lodetti, Trapattoni; Hamrin, Sormani, Rivera (Fogli), Prati.

Manchester United: Rimmer; Brennan, Foulkes, Stiles (Burns), Fitzpatrick; Crerand, Charlton; Morgan, Kidd, Law, Best.

Second Leg

Spartak Trnava 2
Kuna 2 (27, 50).

Ajax Amsterdam 0

Bratislava. Att. 26,500. Ref. Marschall (Austria).

Spartak: Kozinka; Dobias, Majernik, Jarabek, Hagara; Hrusecky, Kuna, Martinkovic, Farkas, Adamec, Kabat.

Ajax: Bals; Suurbier, Hulshoff, Vasovic, Van Duivenbode; Pronk, Groot; Swart, Muller, Cruyff (Danielsson), Keizer (Suurendonck).

(Ajax reached final on a 3-2 aggregate.)

Manchester United 1
Charlton (71).

AC Milan 0

Manchester. Att. 63,000. Ref. Machin (France).

Manchester United: Rimmer; Brennan, Foulkes, Stiles, Burns; Crerand, Charlton; Morgan, Kidd, Law, Best.

AC Milan: Cudicini; Anquilletti, Malatrasi, Maldera, Schnellinger; Rosato (Santin), Lodetti; Hamrin, Sormani, Rivera, Prati.

(AC Milan reached final on a 2-1 aggregate.)

Final

AC Milan 4
Prati 3 (8, 40, 74), Sormani (68).

Ajax Amsterdam 1
Vasovic (61 pen.).

Madrid. Att. 70,000. Ref. Ortiz de Mendibil (Spain).

AC Milan: Cudicini; Anquilletti, Rosato, Malatrasi, Schnellinger; Lodetti, Trapattoni; Hamrin, Sormani, Rivera, Prati.

Ajax: Bals; Suurbier (Muller), Hulshoff, Vasovic, Van Duivenbode; Groot (Nuninga), Pronk; Swart, Danielsson, Cruyff, Keizer.

CUP WINNERS CUP

Semi-final—First Leg

Cologne 2
Löhr (8), Rühl (75).

Barcelona 2
Zabalza (22), Fusté (79).

Cologne. Att. 45,000. Ref. Callaghan (Wales).

Cologne: Heyeres (Birkhölzer); Thielen (Hemmersbach), Blusch, Weber, Pott; Biskup, Simmet; Rühl, Löhr, Overath, Hornig.

Barcelona: Sadurni; Franch, Zabalza, Gallego (Olivella), Torres; Pellicer, Fusté, Rifé, Zaldua (Castro), Marti-Filosia, Reixach.

Dunfermline Athletic 1
Fraser (4).

Slovan Bratislava 1
Jan Capkovic (83).

Dunfermline. Att. 20,000. Ref. Tschenscher (West Germany).

Dunfermline: Duff; Callaghan, Fraser, Barry, Lunn; Paton, Renton (Ferguson); Robertson, Edwards, Gardner, Lister.

Slovan: Vencel; Fillo, Hrivnak, Horvath, Zlocha; Hatar, Joz. Capkovic; Cvetler, Moder, Jokl, Jan Capkovic.

Second Leg

Barcelona 4
Marti-Filosia (6), Fusté 3 (53, 66, 79).

Cologne 1
Rühl (17).

Barcelona. Att. 70,000. Ref. Sbardella (Italy).

Barcelona: Sadurni; Franch, Zabalza, Torres, Eladio; Pellicer (Pereda), Fusté; Rife, Zaldua, Marti-Filosia, Reixach.

Cologne: Birkhölzer; Thielen, Blusch, Weber, Pott; Biskup, Simmet; Rühl, Löhr (Jendrossek), Overath, Hornig.

(Barcelona reached final on a 6-3 aggregate.)

Slovan Bratislava 1
Jan Capkovic (23).

Dunfermline Athletic 0

Bratislava. Att. 15,000. Ref. Horvath (Yugoslovia).

Slovan: Vencel; Fillo, Hrivnak, Horvath, Zlocha; Hrdlicka, Joz. Capkovic; Cvetler, Moder, Jokl (Hatar), Jan Capkovic.

Dunfermline: Duff; Callaghan, Fraser, Barry, Lunn; Paton, Renton; Mitchell (McKinnnigh), Thompson (Lister), Edwards, Gardner.

(Slovan reached final on a 2-1 aggregate.)

Final

Slovan Bratislava 3
Cvetler (1), Hrivnak (30), Jan Capkovic (43).

Barcelona 2
Zaldua (16), Reixach (52).

Basle. Att. 22,000. Ref. Van Ravens (Holland).

Slovan: Vencel; Fillo, Hrivnak, Horvath, Zlocha; Hrdlicka, Joz. Capkovic; Cvetler, Moder (Hatar), Jokl, Jan Capkovic.

Barcelona: Sadurni; Franch (Pereda), Zabalza, Olivella, Eladio; Pellicer, Fusté; Rifé, Castro (Mendoza), Zaldua, Reixach.

MORE NEXT MONTH

Karoly Soos, manager of Hungary, was no doubt relieved after his team's vital 2-0 victory over Czechoslovakia in a World Cup qualifying round match in Budapest. Hungary also defeated Eire 2–1 in Dublin.

LEAGUE TABLES

SCOTLAND
(Final League Table)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	34	23	8	3	89	32	54
Rangers	34	21	7	6	81	32	49
Dunfermline	34	19	7	8	63	45	45
Kilmarnock	34	15	14	5	50	32	44
Dundee Utd.	34	17	9	8	61	49	43
St. Johnstone	34	16	5	13	66	59	37
Airdrie	34	13	11	10	46	44	37
Hearts	34	14	8	12	52	54	36
Morton	34	12	8	14	58	68	32
Dundee	34	10	12	12	47	48	32
St. Mirren	34	11	10	13	40	54	32
Hibernian	34	12	7	15	60	59	31
Clyde	34	9	13	12	35	50	31
Partick	34	9	10	15	39	53	28
Aberdeen	34	9	8	17	50	59	26
Raith	34	8	5	21	45	67	21
Falkirk	34	5	8	21	33	68	18
Arbroath	34	5	6	23	41	82	16

HUNGARY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ujpesti Dozsa	12	9	1	2	29	11	19
Ferencvaros	12	8	3	1	31	15	19
Honved	12	7	3	2	26	10	17
Raba	12	7	2	3	29	9	16
M.T.K.	12	6	2	4	20	14	14
Cspel	12	6	2	4	14	10	14
Vesus	12	6	1	5	30	19	13
Pecs	12	5	3	4	10	12	13
Szombathely	12	4	3	5	10	20	11
Tatabanya	12	4	2	6	12	19	10
Diosgyor	12	4	2	6	10	17	10
Komlo	12	3	3	6	8	14	9
Eger	12	3	3	6	11	21	9
Salgotarjan	12	3	2	7	7	14	8
Dunaujvaros	12	3	1	8	9	25	7
Egyetertes	12	–	3	9	3	26	3

BELGIUM
(Final League Table)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Standard Liege	30	19	7	4	62	18	45
SC Charleroi	30	17	6	7	42	26	40
Lierse SK	30	13	10	7	49	36	36
Anderlecht	30	12	12	6	59	33	36
FC Bruges	30	13	9	8	55	33	35
Beveren	30	12	9	9	45	44	33
St. Trond	30	11	10	9	40	42	32
Waregem	30	12	5	13	50	50	29
Beringen	30	10	9	11	33	41	29
FC Liege	30	12	4	14	35	44	28
La Gantoise	30	8	12	10	33	39	28
Racing White	30	8	10	12	30	39	26
Union St. Gilloise	30	8	9	13	30	42	25
Beerschot	30	8	7	15	39	51	23
Malinois	30	6	8	16	32	57	20
Daring Brussels	30	5	5	20	27	65	15

ITALY
(Final League Table)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fiorentina	30	16	13	1	38	18	45
AC Milan	30	14	13	3	31	12	41
Cagliari	30	14	13	3	41	18	41
Inter-Milan	30	14	8	8	55	26	36
Juventus	30	12	11	7	32	24	35
Torino	30	11	11	8	33	24	33
Napoli	30	10	12	8	27	27	32
Roma	30	10	10	10	35	35	30
Bologna	30	10	9	11	27	36	29
Verona	30	9	8	13	40	49	26
Palermo	30	7	11	12	23	33	25
Sampdoria	30	5	13	12	21	27	23
Vicenza	30	8	7	15	26	39	23
Varese	30	5	12	13	20	43	22
Pisa	30	6	8	16	26	44	20
Atlanta	30	4	11	15	25	45	19

PORTUGAL
(Final League Table)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Benfica	26	16	7	3	49	17	39
Porto	26	15	7	4	39	23	37
Guimaraes	26	13	10	3	46	17	36
Setubal	26	13	9	4	45	20	35
Sporting	26	11	8	7	34	19	30
Academica	26	12	6	8	48	32	30
CUF	26	8	11	7	32	30	27
Belenenses	26	8	10	8	31	33	26
Varzim	26	7	8	11	32	49	22
Leixoes	26	7	7	12	21	30	21
Uniao d. Tomar	26	7	7	12	26	46	21
Braga	26	6	7	13	20	50	19
Atletico	26	5	2	19	26	49	12
Sanjoanense	26	3	3	20	15	53	9

EAST GERMANY
(Final League Table)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Vorwaerts	26	15	4	7	47	28	34
Carl Zeiss Jena	26	13	6	7	43	22	32
Magdeburg	26	13	5	8	43	41	31
Hansa Rostock	26	10	9	7	42	33	29
Sachsenring	26	10	7	9	23	19	27
Chemie Leipzig	26	8	10	7	29	26	26
Karl-Marx-Stadt	26	10	5	10	34	35	25
Tot-Weiss Erfurt	26	10	5	11	32	27	52
Wismut Aue	26	9	7	10	33	31	25
Dynamo Berlin	26	10	5	11	25	36	25
Chemie Halle	26	6	10	10	32	35	22
Stahl Riesa	26	9	4	13	26	43	22
Union Berlin	26	6	8	12	29	41	20
Lok. Leipzig	26	5	9	12	16	37	19

ENGLAND
(Final League Table)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds United	42	27	13	2	66	26	67
Liverpool	42	25	11	6	63	24	61
Everton	42	21	15	6	77	36	57
Arsenal	42	22	12	8	56	27	56
Chelsea	42	20	10	12	73	53	50
Tottenham	42	14	17	11	61	51	45
Southampton	42	16	13	13	57	48	45
West Ham	42	13	18	11	66	50	44
Newcastle	42	15	14	13	61	55	44
West Brom.	42	16	11	15	64	67	43
Man. United	42	15	12	15	57	53	42
Ipswich	42	15	11	16	59	60	41
Man. City	42	15	10	17	64	55	40
Burnley	42	15	9	18	55	82	39
Sheff. Wed.	42	10	16	16	41	54	36
Wolves	42	10	15	17	41	58	35
Sunderland	42	11	13	18	43	66	35
Notts Forest	42	10	13	19	45	57	33
Stoke City	42	9	15	18	40	63	33
Coventry	42	10	11	21	46	64	31
Leicester	42	9	12	21	39	68	30
Q.P.R.	42	4	10	28	39	95	18

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